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El Cerrito is latest to join CarShare plan

■ Average cost for users is about \$40 per month; average monthly cost of car ownership is \$700

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito has become the fourth Bay Area city to host a City CarShare vehicle, following San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

A Toyota Prius is parked at the El Cerrito Plaza BART station. The Prius is located in what CarShare calls a "pod," an acronym for point of departure. Residents who want to use the vehicle pay a \$30 application fee, \$300 deposit and \$10 monthly fee. The cost to use the car is \$4 an hour and 44 cents a mile, with

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Those interested in using CarShare can sign up online at www.citycarshare.org or by calling 415-995-8588.

half off the hourly rate if the person is driving between 10 p.m. and 10 a.m.

"I expect in a few months, we'll add an additional car there, and maybe an additional location," said Eliot Dobris, the director of marketing and communications for City CarShare, a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization. "We're looking at other locations in El Cerrito."

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DEVELOPER RICK CARUSO announced this week that he was abandoning plans to build an outdoor retail center and apartment complex on these parking lots at Golden Gate Fields. Caruso made the decision after the Albany City Council refused to commit to completing an environmental impact report for his proposal.

Waterfront developer steps back

Caruso says he will abandon plans for Albany rail and housing project, but he has a track record of changing his mind

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

In January 2005, a nationally known developer opened an office on Solano Avenue in Albany, claiming to win over the citizenry with visions of high-quality housing and a grand shopping center on little-used parking lots at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

This week, that office remains open but the vision is gone — or he says.

Based on his actions in the southern California city of Glendale, some residents remain skeptical about claims that Rick Caruso is abandoning plans to build his \$200 million project. The announced pull-out followed a refusal by the City Council this week to commit to a completion of an environmental impact report for Caruso's plan.

In April 2004, Caruso said he was forfeiting a development plan in Glendale and stormed out of City Council meeting after one councilman said he was voting against a needed zoning change for the project.

After vacationing in Hawaii,

Developer drops racetrack plan

Los Angeles-based developer Caruso Affiliated, working on behalf of Golden Gate Fields owner Magna Entertainment Corp., announced Tuesday that it was ending its effort to build a project that would include retail, entertainment, restaurants and housing on the currently underused west and northwest parking lots adjacent to the racetrack.



Caruso came back the next month, according to an August 2004 article in the Los Angeles Business Journal, and got what he wanted.

In Albany, Caruso's apparent abandonment of his development followed 18 months of mailers and meetings with hundreds of

residents to earn their approval. City law, under a 1990 voter-approved initiative, would have ultimately required a vote by the public for the project to become reality.

"I think giving the people the right to vote is a good thing, and is the right thing for the city," Caruso told the council Monday.

But while Caruso was hoping for another home-run development, he never made it to first base, failing to even submit an application to the city. Meanwhile, a coalition of environmental groups, which fought him from the day he arrived, is moving forward with a legally-questionable November ballot initiative intended to create its own vision for the waterfront.

City Councilman Bob Good said he was disappointed not to see an application from Caruso, even though he would prefer to see single-family homes and a park along the water.

"I think the proposal was doomed from the start by the fact that the people of Albany don't want a major development, a major mall (similar to) El Cerrito or Emeryville on the waterfront," Good said. "I think that's really the heart of it."

In October, the developer rolled out a tentative development scheme that included an

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TIMELINE

Significant developments in Caruso Affiliated's effort to build a retail and housing project at Golden Gate Fields.

■ **JANUARY 2005** — Caruso opens an office on Solano Avenue and begins holding meetings with residents to discuss plans for the development.

■ **JUNE 2005** — A privately funded poll shows that 60 percent of residents think waterfront development is a bad or very bad idea. Questions are raised about the credibility of the poll.

■ **OCTOBER 2005** — Caruso offers preliminary plans of its proposal for public review.

■ **JANUARY 2006** — A coalition of environmental groups announces an effort to place an initiative on the November ballot that will preserve as open space most of the land along the waterfront.

■ **JUNE 2006** — Golden Gate Fields sues to stop the initiative from being placed on the ballot, arguing that proponents failed to properly alert the public about it.

■ **JULY 2006** — Caruso announces it is dropping its development plans after the City Council refuses to guarantee it will complete an environmental impact report for the project.



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

LEIF BROWN, right, and his son Oscar, 8, walk home after dropping off a CarShare vehicle, a Honda Element, at the North Berkeley BART station on Tuesday. CarShare recently expanded its service to the El Cerrito BART station.

Kensington selects interim police chief

■ Taylor, who formerly served as Mountain View chief, is expected to hold post six to 18 months

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Brown Taylor, a former police chief in Mountain View, was scheduled to be sworn in as the

interim Kensington chief at 1 p.m. Thursday.

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District board chose Taylor Wednesday night following extensive interviewing and checking of references, board president Paul Haxo said.

Taylor spent 30 years with the

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Students honor 'Mr. C'

Popular St. Joseph's Catholic School math and science teacher died in bicycling accident

By Sara Steffens
STAFF WRITER

From peach to pumpkin, the views of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pinole were ablaze in orange attire Saturday morning.

It may have seemed an unusual choice for a memorial service. But to his students, Patrick Caurant was no ordinary guy. "Orange was his favorite color, to honor him, we had everyone wear orange," explained eighth-grader Michael Sevilla, who helped pass out programs to the hundreds of mourners who gathered to remember the popular math and science teacher.

Caurant, a 28-year-old Albany

resident, died after his bicycle collided with a pickup truck in a rural Contra Costa County, east of San Ramon.

A top amateur cyclist, Caurant was training for a national racing competition at the time.

At St. Joseph's Catholic School, Caurant was known both for his sense of humor and the high standards he maintained for his students.

"He always pushed us; he always wanted us to do our best," Sevilla said. "I guess you could say we were like teachers' pets."

As one of only two male teachers at the 310-student school, Caurant served as a role model, said Principal Arlene Marselle.

"Students took time to sit with him at lunchtime and chat," she said.

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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

JOSEPH WOODMANCEY, Michael Sevilla and Aaron Williams, above, left to right, all of whom were students of teacher Patrick Caurant's, hand remembrances to people attending the memorial Mass at St. Joseph's church on Saturday. Caurant, 28, was an Albany resident.

Neighbors sue steel company

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — The long-running battle between Pacific Steel Casting Co. and its neighbors in West Berkeley ratcheted up another notch this month when a neighborhood group accused the foundry in a lawsuit of violating the federal Clean Air Act.

The suit, filed July 6 by the West Berkeley Alliance, argues that Pacific Steel is exceeding the legal limit for pollutant emissions. It also accuses the company of failing to maintain proper records about its operations.

"Based on the available information, Pacific Steel may be emitting pollutants at a level 12 times the legal limit," said attorney Philip Huang of the Oakland-based Communities for a Better Environment, or CBE, which is representing the West Berkeley Alliance.

The suit seeks fines of up to \$27,500 per day for each violation between December 13, 2002,

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NEWS BRIEFS

El Cerrito

Half of city's streets in need of repair

Half of El Cerrito's streets are in poor or very poor condition and need a \$25.1 million fix to bring them up to good health, according to a recent report.

Of the streets that are in poor or very poor condition, most of them are considered residential streets that see less use than arterial streets such as San Pablo Avenue.

"I think we need some big-time funding to go after this now and try to improve the streets," City Councilman Bill Jones said. "What concerns me is the last two winters the streets were really chewed up, and I think it's going to get worse."

The City Council discussed the issue at its Monday meeting, as well as ways to raise money to repair the city's ailing roads. One option is to place a half-cent sales tax on the ballot that would raise \$1.5 million annually, though it's unlikely that it will appear this November, assistant city manager Karen Pinkos said.

Half of El Cerrito's streets are considered to be in "good" shape, as measured by a pavement condition index. The average rating for city streets is 53, which is considered to be "fair" condition.

— Alan Lopez

Police link suspect to residential burglaries

Prosecutors charged a 19-year-old man with 11 felonies in connection with many burglaries in West County cities.

El Cerrito police found physical evidence at a crime scene linking the suspect to several residential burglaries committed from March to May, detective Cpl. Don Horgan said.

Police arrested him July 12, and after detectives confronted him with evidence, he agreed to drive with police and identify houses he burglarized, Horgan said.

He led detectives to 19 homes, including some in Albany and Richmond, Horgan said.

The suspect is the only identified member of a burglary crew that specialized in stealing laptop computers from apartments, Horgan said. Police recovered no property.

The suspect was booked into County Jail in Martinez.

— Karl Fischer

Residents to see increase in garbage bills

Most El Cerrito residents will see a \$1.25 increase in their monthly garbage bills this September, following an increase approved by the City Council on Monday.

The council's decision also means that beginning in May 2007, most residents will pay an additional \$2.06 for garbage collection.

The price hike will go in part toward building a new recycling center and will bring the city's garbage collection fees to among the highest in West Contra Costa.

Most residents use a 35-gallon cart. The cost for the collection of garbage in that cart will be \$26.47 this fiscal year and \$28.53 in the next fiscal year.

Residents can save money by using a 20-gallon cart. The cost will be \$17.52 this year and \$19.58 next year. Call 510-215-4350 for more information.

— Alan Lopez

Design review board to consider condo project

A plan to build a 31-unit condominium complex with 3,000 square feet of commercial space on San Pablo Avenue south of Moeser Lane in El Cerrito will go before the design review board for approval Wednesday.

The design board must approve the look of the project as well as the landscaping. Planning manager Jennifer Carman expected design review to take more than one meeting.

The Planning Commission approved a use permit for the project last month, allowing the removal of 16 trees to make room for the four-story building.

If the design board signs off on it, the public will have five working days to appeal the decision. The meeting, which starts at 7:30 p.m., will be held in Conference Room A at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

A staff report for the meeting will be available July 21. For more information, call 510-215-4330.

— Alan Lopez

Albany

Judge makes no decision on initiative

An Alameda County Superior Court judge heard arguments Wednesday about whether a waterfront planning initiative in Albany should be thrown out but made no decision.

Alameda County needs to know whether it should move forward with placing the initiative on the November ballot by Aug. 14.

Golden Gate Fields sued to stop the initiative, claiming proponents broke state election law by not publishing the initiative in a legally certified newspaper in Alameda County and not posting it in three places in the city. Proponents argue that they sufficiently alerted the public by publishing it in the West County Times, and that the issue was widely discussed in city meetings.

Robert Cheasty, one of the initiative's sponsors, expected a decision in about a week.

The initiative would prohibit development from within 600 feet of the Albany shoreline and place a temporary moratorium on any development approvals.

The Albany City Council voted Monday to place the initiative on the November ballot.

— Alan Lopez

Committee seeks artists for park projects

The Albany Arts Committee is seeking artists to create an entry sculpture at Ocean View Park, a tile mural at Terrace Park and an interactive landscape/art project at Memorial Park.

Individual artists and teams living in Northern California are invited to apply. The deadlines to submit applications are Aug. 1 for Ocean View, Oct. 1 for Terrace and Nov. 1 for Memorial. The committee will select three artists to prepare models for each park. The models will be on display at City Hall between November 2006 and April 2007.

The call for artists and information is available at albanyca.org/gov/parkart.html.

— Alan Lopez

Camping escapes just a short drive away

WITH SINCERE APOLOGIES to Martha and the Vandellas, "summer's here and the time is right for camping by the streams."

And the East Bay Regional Park District can help. The District operates family campgrounds at three regional parks, plus facilities for hike-in, equestrian and group camping at 11 other parklands. With gasoline prices what they are these days, the best news is that all the campsites are close to home if you live anywhere in the East Bay. Here's the rundown:

■ Del Valle Family Campground at Del Valle Regional Park near Livermore has 129



NED MACKAY
Park It

drive-in campsites and 21 partial hook-up sites with connections for sewer and water. Each site has a picnic table and barbecue set-up. Moreover, there are centrally located warm showers and flush toilets, a

camp store and sewage dump station.

Del Valle Park offers swimming, boating, fishing and miles of hiking trails. The campground and boat rentals have a new concessionaire: Rocky Mountain Recreation Co. Rocky Mountain rents paddle, pedal and electric motor boats. Another concessionaire, Sunrise Mountain Sports, rents kayaks and pedal boats. Or you can launch your own boat.

All in all, Del Valle has a beautiful, Sierra Foothills lake ambience to it, though it's only six miles south of Livermore.

■ If Del Valle sounds attractive, but you aren't an experienced camper, think about

signing up for the Park District's Family Camporee lake on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6. Participants bring their own food and but District staff members out with lots of organizations, such as hikes, arts and crafts, nature programs for the kids, and how-to clinics. There's an outdoor movie on Saturday night.

Registration is required and there's a fee of \$18 for ages 13 and older, \$10 for 3 to 12 (\$18 and \$12, respectively, for non-District residents). For information, call 510-636-1684.

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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, JULY 4

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — Shortly after midnight, police arrested a 38-year-old Richmond resident on suspicion of possessing a half-ounce of rock cocaine, following a traffic stop at San Pablo Avenue and Carlson Boulevard.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

■ **ATTEMPTED THEFT** — Police arrested a 53-year-old Concord woman on suspicion of attempting to steal a piece of computer equipment from Target at 5:08 p.m. Police said the woman walked out with the merchandise after selecting it from a shelf and attempting to return it in exchange for cash.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — At 1:25 p.m., police arrested a 45-year-old Berkeley woman on suspicion of shoplifting at Safeway on the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

■ **BURGLARY** — A 21-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of committing a burglary at a fast food restaurant at 10:42 p.m. Police say the man climbed through the

takeout window and attempted to open the cash register. The man became irate following a dispute over money he claimed was owed him following a canceled food order.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

■ **FIREARM** — Police arrested a 28-year-old Richmond man on suspicion of possessing a loaded and concealed handgun at 12:50 a.m. after he was found sleeping in a vehicle on the 2500 block of Tassajara Avenue. The man was also booked for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

MONDAY, JULY 10

■ **SPEAKERS STOLEN** — Speakers were taken from a Ford truck on Alva at Lagunitas avenues sometime between 9:30 p.m. on July 10 and 11:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **HONDA TAKEN** — A 1996 Honda Del Sol was taken from the 3200 block of San Mateo Avenue sometime between 10:30 p.m. on July 10 and 9 a.m. the next day.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

■ **HOME RANSACKED** — A home on the 1500 block of Liberty Street was ransacked sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 5:10 p.m. Whoever entered

the home came in through the bathroom window.

■ **GENERATORS TAKEN** — Two portable generators were taken from a home under construction on the 1500 block of Regency Court sometime between 5 p.m. on July 11 and 6:50 a.m. the next day.

■ **ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN** — An attempt was made to enter a home under construction on the 8300 block of Kent Court at 11 p.m. An alarm sounded, scaring off the prowlers, police said.

■ **IPOD STOLEN** — A window was broken and an iPod was taken from a vehicle on the 8600 block of Don Carol Drive sometime between 6 p.m. on July 11 and 6 a.m. the next day.

■ **OLDSMOBILE STOLEN** — A 1987 Oldsmobile Regency was taken from Kearney Street at Cutting Boulevard sometime between 6 p.m. on July 11 and 5 p.m. the next day.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

■ **ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN** — Two men attempted to enter a home on the 5900 block of Lassen Street at 10:06 p.m. The men, who were scared off by neighbors, drove away in a Honda northbound on Carlson Boulevard.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, JULY 10

■ **PAINT BALLS** — At about 8 p.m., someone shot paint balls at customers and employees at the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue and was gone when officers arrived.

TUESDAY, JULY 11

■ **MORE PAINT BALLS** — Someone shot paint balls at a storefront on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

■ **SUBARU STOLEN** — At about 2:30 a.m., someone drove off with a white 2003 Subaru Forester parked on the 700 block of Curtis Street. The car was last seen heading north onto San Pablo Avenue from Portland Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a green 2004 Toyota van parked in a driveway on the 600 block of Curtis Street.

■ **EGGING** — Someone egged a home on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue during the night.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone took drill bits and loose change from an unlocked black 1996 Toyota Camry parked on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — Officers stopped a gold 1998 Chevrolet on San Pablo Avenue near Portland Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They also arrested the driver, a 49-year-old Oakland man, for driving without a license and for suspicion of drug possession. They arrested the passenger, a 36-year-old Oakland woman, for suspicion of identity theft and drug possession.

■ **DUI** — At about 11:30 p.m. officers stopped a gray 2003 Acura Legend near Washington and Stannage avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 22-year-old Albany man, for two charges on suspicion of DUI.

THURSDAY, JULY 13

■ **ARSON** — At about 2:30 a.m., officers and firefighters responded to the 500 block of Key Route Boulevard on reports of a white 1990 Mazda van on fire in a driveway. Officers arrested an 18-year-old Berkeley man and a 17-year-old boy on suspicion of arson.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a gray 2000 Toyota Camry parked in a garage at 545 Pierce St.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. someone broke a window of a white Subaru parked at the waterfront.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — The previous night someone broke into a gold Plymouth parked on the 1000 block of Eastshore.

■ **EGGING** — During the night someone threw eggs at a car and the front porch of a residence on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 11:30 a.m., a resident on the 800 block of Adams Street reported that a person described as a Latino man in his 20s, with short brown hair wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans and riding a bike, had just broken into her car. The suspect was last seen heading south on Adams Street and was gone when officers arrived.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 9:30 p.m., officers responded to the Target store on the 1000 block of

Eastshore on reports of two people attempting to cash a bad check. Officers stopped a green 1996 Hyundai Accent attempting to leave the area and arrested a 29-year-old Fairfield man on suspicion of passing a bad check and parole violations. They also arrested a 19-year-old San Pablo woman for suspicion of burglary and forgery.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers arrested a 27-year-old Albany man driving a silver 1999 GMC pickup on the 500 block of Jackson Street on suspicion of DUI.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a black 1989 Toyota Camry parked in front of a residence on the 1000 block of Neilson Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a blue 2002 GMC on the 600 block of Kains Avenue by smashing a window and stole items from inside.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

■ **LEXUS STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a black 1998 Lexus parked at 555 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

■ **DISTURBANCE** — At about 1 a.m. officers responded to a disturbance of a large group on the 1100

block of Solano Avenue. The bused the crowd but a 23-year-old El Cerrito man appeared injured and was arrested for suspicion of disorderly conduct and transported to hospital.

MONDAY, JULY 17

■ **DRUNK IN PUBLIC** — At about 12:30 a.m., officers responded to reports of a person causing a disturbance and hitting people. They arrested a 34-year-old Albany man on suspicion of being drunk in public and transported him to a local hospital.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a Honda Civic parked on the 1600 block of Solano Avenue.

■ **MONEY STOLEN** — At about 11 p.m. a resident on the 1100 block of Dartmouth Street reported that minutes earlier a man described as white adult, about 5-feet-11-inches with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt and dark pants and an A's baseball cap came into her home to talk to her about doing work for her and took money from a rear room.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Officers responded to 205 calls and stopped 56 vehicles or persons, issuing 14 citations and 18 tickets. Firefighters/paramedics responded to two fire calls and medical emergencies.

— Kristin

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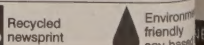
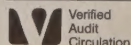
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Teddy the cat finds new home with the Peppers

A FEW WEEKS AGO I asked whether anyone could adopt Teddy the cat (aka "Park Kitty"), who was suddenly rendered homeless when the Oakland Police closed his lifelong home, the mounted patrol stable at Lake Merritt. The response was overwhelming. A typical e-mail was from Gloria Maurino of Concord, who said, "Even if you don't choose me, please let us know how it all turns out."

There were many excellent responses, but after extensive screening and interviews, today's ad hoc support group settled on the perfect family: Cliff and Sharon Pepper, who live in a Victorian farmhouse in Alameda with a barn, two horses and a dog named Skipper — and a friendly golden retriever named Shiloh.

Their former cat, Garth, had died a few months before, leaving a hole in all our hearts. They missed him so much, they hadn't been able to bring themselves to even talk about getting another cat. But when they read about Teddy, they knew they could help him, and that's all that mattered.

They brought him home, and within five minutes he'd taken over the house.

"Every room is his room, and he's in his bed," says Sharon. He loves to look out the window and chatter with the birds. He's a perfect gentleman."

But his favorite creature is Cliff. He gets the same kind of expression on his face when he looks at Cliff that Nancy Reagan gets when she looked at Ronnie. He insists on sleeping next to him every night.

"As much as he loves me — and he loves me a lot — multi-cat by 20 times, and that's the way he feels about Cliff," says Sharon.

But here's the reason why I can't tell you all this weeks ago: Last month, they took him to the vet for a routine checkup, and he tested positive for the feline equivalent of AIDS.

Their hearts were broken. But they were determined to do everything they could to make the best time he had left as happy as possible.

But they didn't dare let him outside, for fear of infecting other cats in the area. For a cat like Teddy, who had lived outdoors all his life, this was a terrible restriction.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

Hoping against hope, they agreed to a second test, a more sophisticated — and more expensive — procedure, just in case the first test was a false positive. It was the longest of long shots, but they were desperate.

Well, guess what? Last week, the second test came back negative. He's not sick after all.

Not only that, the vet thinks he's actually a year or two younger than everyone thought, so he's likely going to be around for a long time.

Cliff and Sharon are walking on air. Ditto for Teddy's ad hoc support group at Lake Merritt.

Last Monday, they let Teddy outside for the first time. He made a beeline for the barn, and spent the day happily hanging out with Misty and Skipper, who were equally delighted to have him there.

Now his days are spent playing with them and sleeping in his favorite spot in the garden.

At night he comes inside and hangs out with Sharon, Cliff and Shiloh.

His outdoor jaunts are still supervised, usually by Cliff, and will be for some time.

"We want to make sure he knows his way around before we let him roam free," says Sharon.

He looks great. As a result of all that good food and TLC, his coat has become incredibly soft.

"He's like a little marshmallow," says Sharon.

Kudos to everyone involved — Cliff, Sharon, his ad hoc support group, and all you kind readers who offered to help.

"Don't forget Shiloh," says Sharon. "Teddy won't let him sleep with us anymore, but he's been a real sweetheart through the whole thing."

True, but what else would you expect from a golden retriever?

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

Neighbors

Annual Bay to Barkers is Sunday

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

A very small boy and a very large dog will be among the marchers at the ninth annual Bay to Barkers walk/run this Sunday at the Berkeley Marina's Cesar Chavez Park. The odd couple: 17-month-old Logan Catz (no pun intended) and his best friend, Waylon, a 4-year-old Australian shepherd/Samoyed mix who outweighs him by 50 pounds.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society, where Waylon was adopted two years ago.

"We were a little apprehensive when Logan was born because we didn't know how Waylon would react," said Logan's mother, Kristin Nagy Catz. "But we took the Humane Society's 'Introducing Your Baby To Your Dog' class, and it worked out great. Instead of being jealous, Waylon appointed himself Logan's protector. We call him 'Logan's big brother.'"

Logan's first word, naturally, was "dog."

Bay to Barkers is the Humane Society's major fund-raiser. Last year's event raised \$15,000.

"That's enough to feed all the cats and dogs in our shelter for a whole year," said Executive Director Mim Carlson. "Put another way, it would provide medical care for the animals in our veterinary hospital for a month or fund our humane education programs in the Berkeley schools for six months."

This year's event kicks off at 10 a.m. when the runners embark on a 5-kilometer fun run, followed five minutes later by the walkers, who will traverse a 1.3-mile course.

Among the other activities: ■ Doggy Olympiad, including the Tennis Ball Catch, Bounceless Retrieve and the ever-popular T-Shirt Relay.

■ Doggy Talent Show, including Best Wiggle, Most Mixed Mutt and the Dog-Owner Look-Alike Contest.

■ Pet Expo featuring booths



LOGAN CATZ, 17 months, and his dog Waylon, an Australian shepherd/Samoyed mix, will march in the annual Bay to Barkers fund-raiser for the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society at the Berkeley Marina on Sunday. Catz plays with Waylon at their Berkeley home Wednesday.

IF YOU GO:

- **WHAT:** Bay to Barkers, a fund-raiser for the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society
- **WHEN:** Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley Marina
- **COST:** \$30 for the walk/run. All other activities are free.
- **INFO:** 510-845-7735, Ext. 13
- **HOW TO HELP:** Tax-deductible donations can be sent to 2900 9th St., Berkeley, CA 94710

hosted by animal rescue groups, pet products and community groups.

■ Alumni reunion and parade for dogs adopted from the Humane Society.

■ A world record attempt for "Largest Simultaneous Tidbit Catch."

Registration for the run/walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. The fee: \$30 per dog.

People who don't have a dog can still participate by sponsoring a pooch from the Humane Society shelter.

All dogs must be at least four months old and wear a current license or identification tag. They must be on a leash, and the leash must be no longer than 6 feet. No retractable leashes allowed.

Leading the parade will be Ginny, a Lab mix from Richmond who has never met a tennis ball she didn't like.

Cat lovers might notice that there's not much for felines in all this.

"Cats don't like sharing time with dogs," Carlson said.

But the kitties will have a day of their own Nov. 5, when the Humane Society hosts an art sale titled "Purr-casso," featuring feline-themed paintings and sculptures by local artists.

Founded in 1927, the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society serves northern Alameda County, including Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington and North Oakland. It is funded solely by private contributions.

In addition to its shelter and veterinary hospital, the Humane Society offers dog-training classes, puppy kindergarten, clicker training for cats, humane education in the schools, pet loss support groups, and dog and cat behavior hotlines.

The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 9th St. Shelter hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call 510-845-7735 or log on to www.berkeleyhumane.org.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

FACES & PLACES

National Night Out event planned Aug. 1

National Night Out, a collection of block parties and get-togethers throughout the community, will be held for the second year in Kensington on Aug. 1.

"We're really small, but we still have a lot of people," said Kensington Police Sgt. Angela Escobar. "It's exciting."

The event is intended to bring neighbors together so they can get to know each other. Police officers and firefighters will travel throughout the community offering tips to neighborhoods and giving away T-shirts and prizes, Escobar said.

Some 15 groups are participating this year, with events ranging from barbecues and potlucks to tea and coffee.

The events will be held primarily from 7 to 10 p.m., with some starting as early as 6

p.m. For more information or to organize a get-together, call the Kensington Police Department at 510-526-4141, Ext. 40.

El Cerrito will also participate again this year, continuing a long-running tradition. For information about National Night Out events in that city, call the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee at 510-215-4414, Ext. 30 or Det. Don Horgan at 510-215-4418.

— Alan Lopez

by Mozart, Bach, Persichetti and Gibbons. Informal auditions are held at the end of the first two rehearsals, or by appointment.

Call 510-527-2026 for more information or visit www.cc-chorale.org.

— Craig Lazeretti

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— Craig Lazeretti

LET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 2-year-old female Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever/yellow lab mix; 1-year-old female merle Queensland/cattledog mix; 1-year-old black and white male Chihuahua; 1-year-old male brown Weimareriner mix; 2-year-old male blue merle Queensland/cattledog mix; 2-year-old female brown/black shepherd/collie mix; 3-year-old male white/black Aussie mix; 1-year-old female brown and white American pit bull terrier; 1-year-old female brown Chihuahua; 2-year-old male tan bull-stiff mix; 7-year-old male brown brindle great dane/greyhound mix; 2-year-old female brown shepherd mix; 2-year-old black and white female border collie mix.

Cats: 7-year-old male white domestic short hair mix; 5-year-old female white domestic medium hair mix; 3-year-old female brown DSH; 3-year-old female domestic long hair (DLH); 4-year-old male black DLH; 4-year-old female black DSH; 5-year-old male black DLH; 5-year-old Norwegian forest mix; 4-year-old male black/white DSH; 4-year-old male brown tabby European short hair; 5-year-old female dilute tortie; 3-year-old male DSH; 4-year-old male or-



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

CHOCO is a 1-year-old domestic short hair cat, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Her family members can include other cats because she is so affectionate. For more information about Choco or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

ange tabby; 1-year-old gray female DLH; 3-year-old male white/orange/brown Calico DSH; 1-year-old black female DSH.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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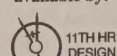
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THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Environmentalists win battle, not war

ALBANY'S COALITION of environmentalists seems to have succeeded in beating back the effort by a powerful Southern California developer to build an outdoor shopping mall on the shores of the city. Rick Caruso stunned supporters and opponents alike this week with his decision to pull the plug on his development plan at Golden Gate Fields.

An impressive victory indeed for the Sierra Club, Citizens for East Shore Parks and Citizens for the Albany Shoreline. But was it a victory for the people of Albany? Only time will answer that question.

Of course, this will be cast as a victory for those who want to protect the Albany waterfront. But we all know what's really being protected here: acres of asphalt that comprise unneeded parking lots at the racetrack. Empty parking lots benefit neither environmentalists who seek open space for hiking or bird watching, nor shoppers who seek a Nordstrom's or fine-dining establishment, nor a property owner struggling to find additional revenues. All they represent is a lost opportunity for all involved.

We don't know whether the Caruso development would have been a good thing for the city, but it's unfortunate that the people of Albany never got a chance to thoroughly examine the pros and cons and decide for themselves.

The only way this week's development will result in a true victory for Albany is if it opens the door to the removal of those parking lots for something meaningful and useful. It seems less likely than ever that it will be the type of retail and housing project Caruso envisioned. If he couldn't succeed here after so many triumphs in Southern California, who can?

But is it any more likely that we will someday see the public park envisioned by the environmentalists? That all depends on the future of the racetrack, which for now rests in the hands Magna Entertainment Corp. executives in Toronto.

Will their failure to bring a shopping center to Golden Gate Fields, on top of their past failure to bring casino gambling to the track, make them more willing now to put the racetrack up for sale? And will these failures dissuade any potential buyers from purchasing a property whose fate rests entirely on the success of horse racing? And if they can't find a buyer, will they be inclined to close the racetrack and offer it up to the state for the right price? And will the state be able to come up with the money to buy the land, tear down the racetrack, and build and maintain a park? And will the city be able to produce a limited development along the freeway capable of replacing the revenues lost by the racetrack?

And the questions go on and on. The city and environmental groups can do all the planning they want for the waterfront, but those plans will only gather dust as long as the land remains in private hands.

Of course, anything is possible. After all, these people beat Rick Caruso. And it looks as if their vision — as far-fetched as it seems — may be the only real hope for the eyesore that is those parking lots. We hope it does come true. We'd hate to think that in 10 or 15 years, Albany's next generation will look out over those empty parking lots, wondering what might have been, as the environmentalists continue to count the days until that dying racetrack goes away.

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Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. 510-215-4305.

Public Works — Report problems with city trees and sidewalks, burned-out

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Recycling Center — 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350.

Web site: www.el-cerrito.org

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Municipal Advisory Council — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Addresses zoning and land-use issues. 510-526-5546.

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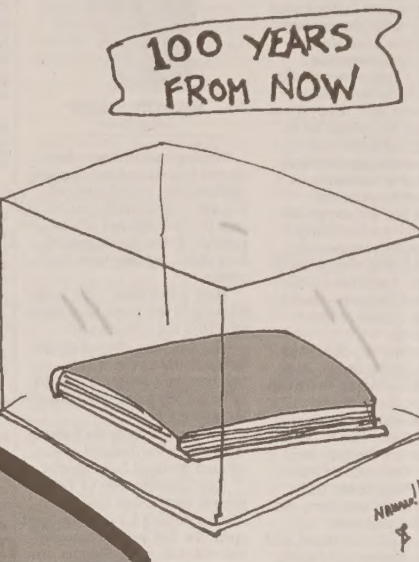
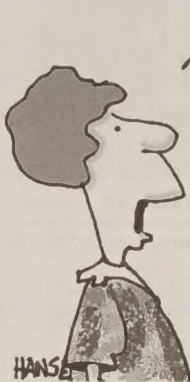
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Initiative subverts planning processes

It's easy to read between the lines with the proponents of the Albany waterfront initiative. They know that they have written and "sold" to a trusting Albany electorate a flawed document that doesn't do what they want you to think it does.

If you crossed paths with a signature gatherer working on behalf of the initiative, you likely were asked, as you were handed the clipboard and pen, "Do you want a park on the waterfront or a mall?"

What they didn't say is the initiative neither creates a park on our waterfront nor prevents a mall from being built there.

Please, read the document. Nowhere will you see any language saying, "The citizens of Albany hereby declare that upon passage of this initiative there will be a park on the Albany waterfront." Nor, "This initiative prohibits development of a mall on the Albany waterfront."

What the initiative does is subvert existing planning processes; take over the City Council's legislative powers, violating California's constitution and the city charter; take over the decision-making process for the waterfront; and create a situation where tax revenues now going to the city and the school district could be greatly diminished, if not lost. Undoubtedly, this is a "takeover initiative."

The initiative proponents aren't telling you any of that. Instead, in the best tradition of Bush administration tactics, when there's nothing good to be said about their document, they resort to fear-mongering and distraction, with talk about gambling at the racetrack. (Guest Commentary, July 14)

Listen to their rhetoric and read their brochures. Count the times the words "casino" and "gambling" appear. Why aren't they talking about what their initiative does? There's no good news in their takeover initiative.

Some of the most visible takeover initiative proponents publicly supported the voter approval of a card room at the racetrack in 1994. The measure passed by a Measure C vote.

Do we have a card room at the racetrack? Yet, they'd have you believe they're the only Albany residents concerned about the deleterious effects of gambling.

Enough. Let's can the takeover initiative and work together for an Albany waterfront reflecting the best ideas of all Albany people.

Sally Outis
Albany

Save our last open space

Before the month is out, El Cerrito's last remnant of unprotected hillside open space — nearly 15 acres — will likely be in the hands of a luxury home builder.

Many people believe this steep, riparian canyon, which melts imperceptibly into the Hillside Natural Area, is part of that well-loved, open-space preserve. Others (myself included), aware of its private ownership, had assumed

this parcel was not buildable because of the landslide threat well documented in geotechnical maps of the area.

Now, however, local developer Aaron Vitale appears to be making plans to carve out two new streets and up to 30 "McMansion"-style lots from the willow-and oak-studded hillside, threatening many acres of rich animal habitat, native plant communities, and two lovely creeks.

Areas such as this — so rare in our increasingly urban city — are ever more important to our quality of life. I hope we can find a way to preserve this beautiful natural area. It is a community treasure worth our every effort.

Lori Dair
El Cerrito

Negative impact on neighborhood

The owners of 902 Santa Fe Ave. plan to demolish the one-story house existing there, and build a three-story, 7,361-square-foot building with zero setbacks on all sides. The building would contain a parking garage for four cars and an elevator. The lower floor would be used for retail, the upper for two residential units.

This building would be hugely out of scale and character with the existing area, and have a powerful, negative impact on the neighborhood.

These plans are legal, even with zero setbacks and a third story, since the lot is part of the Solano commercial district. At the July 11 meeting of the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission, the commission indicated it will approve the project with no modifications in spite of receiving strong expressions of dismay and concern from surrounding businesses and homeowners.

Currently, buildings zoned for commercial use off Solano Avenue are mostly single-story converted residences. They have lawns and landscaping facing the street and setbacks from adjacent properties. The open space and medium structure size are key to maintaining the appearance and feeling of the area as a town comprised of neighborhoods rather than an urban city.

The right of the owners to develop their property for commercial and residential use is clear and uncontested. The existence of healthy and dynamic businesses in the Solano area is another vital element in what makes Albany a

desirable place to live and work.

However, no man or building is an island. Putting up something such as this — too tall, too big, and too close — is a great start on turning Albany into another tough, inhuman, urban area where one wants to live in.

Molly Brown
Albany

Discussion would be prudent

Albany citizens have a very important decision to make regarding the shoreline, our last remaining open space.

The site is one-of-a-kind on the edge of the Bay overlooking the Golden Gate. It would seem wise and prudent for the city to take a step back from all the pressure being put on the City Council, and staff, as well as Albany residents, by those who want a mall on the waterfront.

It is appropriate the people of Albany have a citizens- and city-driven process to plan for the future of the waterfront, not a Caruso, developer-driven process that would short-circuit city and citizen input and time for important long-term decisions.

We need a city-wide conversation about parks, open space, thoughtful development and other ideas for this piece of land that supports Albany's small town character and values before we hand it over to a Los Angeles developer with dollar signs in his eyes.

Marjorie Atkinson
Albany

Atkinson is the co-chairperson of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline.

Focus on the merits

In his July 14 Guest Commentary, Robert Cheasty tells us he is shocked — shocked — to find that gambling is going on at Golden Gate Fields. But Magna goes after the shorebirds and the off-leash dogs; now it's the children.

In substance, Cheasty contends that a gambling operation which seeks to change the law regulating gambling forfeited the right to challenge a violation of the law regulating citizen initiatives.

Cheasty ought to consult a good lawyer, any one of whom would tell him that this is how the system works. If you don't like a law, you try to get it changed. You don't ignore it or fail to look it up, as Cheasty admits to having done.

Why has Cheasty even bothered to publish his personal disagreement with these simple truisms? He is setting up his alibi. In case the Alameda County Superior Court rules against his waterfront initiative subsequent to its July 12 hearing, he will blame a corrupt system rather than his own professional negligence.

While the members of the Citizens for the Albany Shoreline may buy into that subversive argument, one hopes that Albany, as a whole, will not.

Please, let us focus on the merits and ignore Cheasty's persistent ad hominem attacks.

Bill Heiskala
Albany

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CHILDREN/TEENS

California Girls Basketball Camps — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 24-27. Junior Cup Camp for grades K-6. Haas Pavilion, UC Berkeley. \$325. Details: 510-642-9448.

Lawrence Hall of Science — "Floating Gardens, Soaring Pyramids: Science and Math from the Ancient Civilizations of Mexico and Central America," noon-2 p.m. July 26; "Circus Science with Trapeze Arts," noon-2 p.m. Aug. 2; "The Bay & You Festival," noon-2 p.m. Aug. 9; "Family Health Day," noon-2 p.m. Aug. 16; "California Wild" by Wildlife Associates, 12:30 p.m. Aug. 20; and "My Home Planet Earth," through Sept. 3, exhibit and hands-on activities for ages 4-12 and their families. KAPLA building blocks exhibit. Activities at One Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Details: 510-642-5132, www.lawrencehallscience.org.

Habitat Children's Museum — Events at 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Grand opening of Multicultural Storytelling Tent, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 29. Featuring children's belly dancing performance, storytelling all day, book sale and desert sand painting. Admission free. "Camp Habitat," for ages 2-5, through Aug. 28. Each week-long session includes play with other children, free play with toys and puzzles, circle time, dramatic play with costumes, museum visits, cooking, storytelling, art, music and dance. Morning or afternoon sessions. \$165-\$195. Details: 510-647-1111, www.habitat.org.

Summer Drama Camp — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, Aug. 14-25. Regular drama camp session for ages 7-12. Learn theatre basics, help produce a play, participate in theatre production. Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Cost: \$575. Details: 510-524-9132, <http://ccct.org>.

Stargazers of Night — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 14-18. A summer workshop for emerging poets. Led by Yosefa Raz; open to girls ages 13-19. \$50 includes practice, scholarships available. Poetry reading, 1 p.m. Aug. 20. Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Details: 510-848-2237, Ext. 130, www.brjcc.org.

Kurukula — 1-3 p.m. Aug. 21-24. Self-defense, empowerment and life skills classes for young women. Now enrolling for summer camp for ages 9-12. Albany Community Center, 1249 Main Ave., Albany. \$89. Details: 510-944-8233, www.kurukula.com.

RELIGION

Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center — "Awakening Joy," 7 p.m. July 25 and Aug. 29. With James Razz, \$25/month, \$150/series. Details: awakeningjoy@pacbell.net, <http://brjcc.org>. — "SF Bay Area Jewish Community Society meeting," 12:30 p.m. Aug. 27. Details: Jeremy, 510-525-1032, franklin@iml.net. Events at 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Details: brjcc.org; 510-948-2237, Ext. 132.

Aquarian Minyan Author Series — 7:30 p.m. July 26. Barry Barkan reads from "The Way of the Champion: A Live Book Lesson's Journal." Reuben Gold reads from "Baseball Kabbalah and the Talmud." 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23. \$10-\$20, benefits The Aquarian Minyan. Details: 510-465-3935, monterose@qpon.net, www.aquarianminyan.org. Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley.

Kol Hadaash — Humanistic (non-theistic) Judaism Shabbat Celebration, 7:30 p.m. July 28. Service led by Joe and Marcia Grossman; music led by Marissa Solist Bon Singer. Bring finger food to share for the Oreg. and compassionate food for the needy. Free and open to all. Albany Community Center, 1249 Main Ave.

The Kabbalist's Tarot — 1:30-7:30 p.m. July 29 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. July 30. The Kabbalah intensive with Rabbi Steven Fiedel is a blend of ancient teachings and experiential praxis, to teach tarot use as a tool for healing and guidance. Center for Jewish Mystical Studies, 2346 Cedar, Berkeley. Details: 510-851-2495, www.mysticaljudaism.org, www.mysticaljudaism.org.

EXHIBITS

Berkeley Art Center — "23rd Annual National Juried Exhibition," July 23-Aug. 1. Reception: 2-4 p.m. July 23. Gallery hours: noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Details: 510-844-6893, www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

UC Berkeley Art Museum — "Edge of Empire: Recent Art in India," through Sept. 17. Guided tours: 5:30 p.m. Aug. 2, 9 p.m. July 23 and Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27; and 12:15 p.m. July 27 and Aug. 10, 17 and 31. "Centers of Artistry: Paintings," through Oct. 22. "The Roth Library at 100: A Celebration, 1906-2006," through Dec. 3. "A Measure of Time" and "Selections from the Collection," through June 24, 2007. 2625 Durant Ave., No. 2250, Berkeley. Details: 510-642-0808, www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.

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GIORGI GALLERY displays Elizabeth Dante's sculptures, fountains and kinetic art in bronze, stone, concrete and clay. Exhibit open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, Aug. 1 to Sept. 3. Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. For more information, call 510-484-1228.

munity Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-204-1667.

John F. Kennedy University — MFA graduate exhibition of Nora Cohen's "While Opal Wax Drips Down from 10,000 Votives," July 24-Aug. 3. MFA Graduate Exhibition of Judi Pettite's work, Aug. 7-24. Reception: 5-8 p.m. Aug. 12. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays. Arts and Consciousness Gallery, 2956 San Pablo Ave., second floor, Berkeley. Details: 510-649-0499, www.jfkui.edu/gallery.

Schurman-Scriptum Gallery — "Birds and Flowers in Japanese Art," through July 28. Features early 20th century woodblock prints by Ohara Kōson and early 21st century color etchings by Ando Shiro. "Takahiko Hayashi - Paintings and Color Etchings," July 28-Aug. 31. Reception: 6-8 p.m. July 29. Hours: noon-6 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. 1659 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-524-0623.

Judah L. Magnes Museum — Events at 6:30 p.m. unless noted. Exhibits: "Revisions Jonathan Keats: The First Intergalactic Art Exposition," July 31-Jan. 14. Reception: 2 p.m. July 30. "My America: Art from the Jewish Museum Collection, 1900-1955," through Sept. 21. "Revisions," 2 p.m. July 30. Opening with Keats and Vitaly Komar in discussion of conceptual art, collaborative process and Jewish culture. \$10-\$12. "My America," Aug. 3. Guest lecture with Drew Johnson. \$6-\$8. "For Review," Aug. 17. With Peter Salz, reading from "Art of Engagement: Visual Politics in California and Beyond." 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Details: 510-549-6950, www.magnes.org.

Giorgi Gallery — George Long: "Paintings on Paper and Canvas," through July 30. "Elizabeth Dante: Sculptures, Fountains, Kinetic Art in Bronze, Stone, Concrete and Clay," Aug. 1-Sept. 3. Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays. 2911 Claremont

Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-848-1228, giorgigallery@yahoo.com.

La Pena Cultural Center — Through Aug. 31, "Migrant Women's Labor Central Valley" by Sandra Sturdevant. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

Kala Art Institute — Kala Fellowship Exhibition Part I, through Sept. 2, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday 12-5:30 p.m., Saturday 12-4:30 p.m. Residency Projects from Keith Evans, Liz Hickok, Jeff Kao, Daniel Tierney. Details: 510-549-2977, www.kala.org.

Eclectix's Back Room Gallery — "The All Guriz Show, A Mixed Media Group Show," through Sept. 7, 7523 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito. Artists include Yvette Bulgues, Lori-Marie Jenkins, Lucy Lewis, Patricia Mitchell, Susan Mondt, Sabrina Shelby, Heidi Rand, Susan Synarski.

Bade Museum — Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Holbrook Building, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Through January 2007, "Making Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: Family Religion in Ancient Israel." Details: 510-849-8201.

OUTDOORS

Friends of Five Creeks — 10 a.m.-noon, volunteer work parties restoring habitat on Cerrito Creek. Meet at Creekside Park, south end of Santa Clara St., El Cerrito. July 23, some work on steep slopes, wear shoes with good traction; long pants and sleeves are recommended due to blackberries. Details: 510-848-9358, fivecreeks@aol.com, www.fivecreeks.org.

Cal Sailing Club — Open Houses, 4-4 p.m. July 23, Aug. 13 and 27; 124 University Ave., Berkeley. Free sailboat rides. Bring: change of clothes, strap for your glasses, windbreaker, sneakers, maybe a towel (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult; no rides for kids under 5) Bring lunch or \$5 for BBQ. Nonprofit community-service club teaches folks to safely handle a small boat or windsurf rig. \$60/3-month membership. Details: ad_chair@cal-sailing.org, www.cal-sailing.org.

Recreational Equipment Inc. — Free events at 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. — July 23, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, 10-11 a.m., Hands-on Bicycle Clinics. — July 18, 7 p.m., Angels in the Wilderness: One Woman's Extraordinary Story of Survival. — July 25, 7 p.m., Cycle Touring: Tips for Paring Down Your Load. — Aug. 1, 7 p.m., Obsessed with The Nose: Climbing El Capitan with Hans Florine. — Aug. 8, 7 p.m., Backpacking the High Sierra. — Aug. 15, 7 p.m., Get Out More: Tips & Techniques

from Backpacker Magazine. Details: 510-527-4140 or <http://rei.com/stores>.

University of California Botanical Garden — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Twilight Tours, \$8-\$12: July 26 "A Farewell to Spring," Aug. 2 "From the Wild to the Garden Bed," Aug. 9 "The Path Not Taken." — 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 5, Sick Plant Clinic; first Saturdays monthly. — 10-11 a.m. Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, Summer Storytelling in the Garden, \$3-\$10. — 10:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 17, Summer Family Fun Day, \$7-\$18. — 9-10:30 a.m. Aug. 19, Summer Bird Walk, \$8-\$12. 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Details: 510-643-2755, <http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu>.

Berkeley Hiking Club — Aug. 6: 8:30 a.m., Redwood Park and Chabot Space Center; 9:30 a.m., Ohlone Greenway mini-hike. Aug. 13: 8:30 a.m. Berkeley Pathways, 9 a.m. Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline mini-hike. Meet at Shattuck Avenue and Berkeley Way, Berkeley. Visitors welcome. Annual dues \$10, \$3 for additional adult family member, sent to Berkeley Hiking Club, Inc., P.O. Box 147, Berkeley, CA 94701. Provide your own lunch, water, first aid. Details: www.berkeleyhikingclub.pair.com.

MUSIC

Starlight Circle Players — 8 p.m. July 22, 4 p.m. July 23. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists hall, 1924 Cedar St. Actors and musicians present Celtic-inspired musical play "The Girl Who Touched the Stars" based on English legend. Donations \$5-\$20. Desserts, refreshments available before show. Details: 510-841-4824.

Midsummer Mozart Festival — George Cleve conducts MMF Orchestra at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. July 23, Pianist Andre Watts performs Concerto for Piano Number 9 in E flat major. July 30, Mozart's last three symphonies: 39, 40, 41 ("Jupiter"). \$30-\$60. Details: 415-627-9145, www.midsummerm Mozart.org, www.ticketweb.com.

Summer Noon Concerts — Noon-1 p.m., Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza.

Raffles. Free. July 27, Patricia Angulo Latin Trio. Aug. 3, Sara and Swingtime. Aug. 10, BabShad Jazz. Aug. 17, Rhonda Benin and Soufiri Strut. Aug. 24, United Capoeira Association. Details: www.downtownberkeley.org.

UC Berkeley Summer Symphony 2006 Concert — 8 p.m. Aug. 5-6. Features Bela Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra and Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 1, "Titan." Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. \$5. Details: 510-642-4864, www.ucb-symphony.com.

Contra Costa Chorale — Rehearsals begin 7:15-9:45 p.m. Aug. 21. New singers welcome for all voice parts. Program includes works by Mozart, Bach, Persichetti, Gibbons. Informal auditions held at end of first two rehearsals or by appointment. Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navillier St., El Cerrito. Details: 510-527-2026, www.cccchorale.org.

COMMUNITY

Saturday Berkeley Farmer's Market — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Civic Center Park, Center Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. July 22, Peach Tasting; presentations and cooking demonstrations. Free. Details: 510-527-2026, www.ecologycenter.org.

Hopalong Animal Rescue — July 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Dogs available at Bay to Barkers event, Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley. — July 29, 12-3 p.m.: Cats available at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley; dogs available at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Hwy., Albany. Details: 510-267-1915, www.hopalong.org.

Progressive Democrats of the East Bay — Picnic & Politics Barbecue, July 23, 12-4 p.m., Codornices Park, Euclid Avenue and Eunice Street, Berkeley. Members, friends, members of other progressive organizations welcome. Drinks and charcoal provided, bring something for grill or something to share. Details: 510-636-4149.

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RIF described as trustworthy, well-run charity

For the third consecutive year, (Reading is Fundamental) received a high rating from Nifty Navigator, America's most independent evaluator of charities. In December, 'Reader's Digest' recognized RIF in its 2003 'The Best Charities: Who's to Trust?' survey, with your donated RIF was described as a trustworthy, well-run charity. — From "Frequently Asked Questions," www.rif.org



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

based children's and family literacy programs.

Since this program started with four children, it is impressive to read the numbers now: "RIF provides 4.5 million children with 16 million new, free books and literacy resources each year."

As you can see, the focus of RIF is on the link between books and children. Every aspect of its Web site supports this idea, from broadcasts to information about donating to an extensive collection of tip sheets on reading.

These include "Keep Kids Reading This Summer — Take Them to the Library!" and "At Home Vacation Ideas." It is wonderful to find so many well-thought-out and upbeat suggestions for ways to encourage children to read. I particularly appreciate the focus on public libraries, since a large part of what it does is donate books to children.

It is clear that RIF thinks — as I do — that we are all working together, whether we know it or not. Bookstores, literacy programs, libraries, newspapers, magazine companies and comic book publishers — what we have in common are our readers.

So, what does RIF say about public libraries? Its summer suggestions list is broken into: Parental Perks, Benefits for Kids, Something for Everyone: Teens, Too!, and Bringing Families Together. Parental Perks includes the idea that library visits give parents a chance to spend quality time with their

children.

I see this every day in our library — a parent sitting with a child on our small couch, reading aloud, or a parent and child browsing the picture books together, as they decide which ones to take with them. RIF also mentions summer reading games, which are a large part

of the summers at most public libraries. No matter how they are played, summer reading games tell children we value reading.

Another RIF tip sheet is called "Tips for Back to School Reading and Beyond." This thorough compilation of suggestions gives even more support for ways to incorporate the pleasure of reading into a child's daily life. As a reader of cereal boxes and toothpaste

tubes, I particularly appreciate their "Everyday Opportunities": "... Don't dismiss road signs, menus, billboards, cereal boxes and lots of everyday items. Read aloud anything with words and present reading as a way to discover the world."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

CASE YOU have never heard of RIF, I thought I would share some of the information from its Web site. RIF's History" tells us that teacher Margaret McManara started RIF in 1966. She began by giving free used books to four of her students. Then, RIF has changed and grown, so that now it is a distribution and reading motivation program that is in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. RIF is also affiliated with programs in Argentina and the United Kingdom. RIF's mission statement tells us that about what drives this organization. It is inspiring, particularly for a librarian: RIF's mission is to: "Ensure that every child grows in the value of books and the importance of reading. Assist children and their families with the fundamental resources children need to be motivated to read. Lead in the creation and development of national, regional and local collaborations building strong community-

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■ **"In Celebration of Swimming"** — Concert and reception, July 23, 7 p.m., Live Oak Park Community Center, 1301 Shattuck St., Berkeley. Features novelist Summer Brenner, Ron Erickson with Agua String Quartet, photographer Charles Lucke. Music by Eduardo Rovira, Larry London, Gabriel Faure. \$10 donation benefits city pool passes for homeless youth. Details: 510-548-9050.

■ **Bay to Barkers Dog Run/Walk and Festival** — July 23, 10 a.m., Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley. 8:30 a.m., registration begins. 5K fun run, 1.3 mile Dog Walk around park, Doggy Olympiad, Doggy Talent Show, World Record Tid Bit Toss attempt, Pet Expo, more. Registered participants receive T-shirt, goody bag. Registration: \$25-\$30; berkeleyhumane.org. Details: 510-845-7735 x13.

■ **Berkeley City Club** — Free docent led tours, July 23; 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m.; 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Julia Morgan designed this "little castle" with unique blend of Romanesque, Gothic, Moorish architecture. Donations welcome. Details: 510-848-7800, 510-883-9710.

■ **Tuesday Berkeley Farmers' Market** — 2-7 p.m. July 25, Darby Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Peach Tasting: free samples of a range of peach varieties, nectarines, plums, pluots, apricots. Details: 510-548-3333, www.ecologycenter.org.

■ **KPFA-FM radio station** — Board election approaching. Volunteers needed with skills in outreach, good contacts with community organizations, publicity, design; all are welcome. Nominations open July 25-Sept. 25. Volunteers with experience working in community organizations, in grass-roots media and Bay Area activism invited to consider running for board. 1929 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Berkeley. Details: ballot@pacifica.org.

■ **Berkeley Kite Festival** — and West Coast Kite Championships, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. July 29-30. Features kites of all kinds, Giant Creature Kites, free kite making and candy drop for kids. Cesar E. Chavez Park, Berkeley Marina. Details: 510-235-KITE, www.highlinekites.com.

■ **St. John's Prime Timers** — For seniors over 50. Aug. 1: 11 a.m. "A Trip to the Past-Eastern Europe 1987" slideshow; at noon birthdays celebrated, lunch served. Aug. 8: 10:30 a.m. Dr. Helen Christensen checks blood pressures. Aug. 15: lunch served at noon. Aug. 22: 11 a.m. "Let's Talk" with

Helen. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-6830.

■ **Blood drive** — American Red Cross, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 10, Tilden Room, MLK Student Union, Bancroft & Telegraph Avenues, Berkeley. Appointments: 800-GIVE-LIFE, www.BeADonor.com (code: UCB).

■ **East Bay Baby Fair** — 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 9. For new and expecting parents. Meet representatives from local pregnancy, birth, parenting and baby-related resources. Workshops, demonstrations, maternity wear and children's items on sale, raffle, more. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Free. Details: Linda, 510-540-7210.

MEETINGS

■ **El Cerrito Historical Society** — Potluck picnic, noon, July 22. All are welcome; bring a main course, salad, or dessert. Business agenda is short, meeting is primarily devoted to enjoying the company of other Historical Society members. Huber Park, 7711 Sea View, El Cerrito. Details: Tom 510-526-7507, Verne 510-525-1730.

■ **Berkeley Gray Panthers** — 1:30 p.m. July 26. Screening of "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" documentary about failed coup against President

Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. All welcome. North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-548-9696.

■ **Fibromyalgia Support and Education Group** — meeting, 12-2 p.m. Aug. 15. "Show and Tell" - Bring items, information, humor or hot tips that have helped you cope with fibromyalgia. Herick Campus, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Please refrain from wearing fragrances. Assistive listening devices available. Free. Details: Deborah 510-644-3273.

FILM/DANCE STAGE

■ **Berkeley Folk Dancers** — Community Classes and Teacher Workshop, 7:45-8:45 p.m. July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18. For ages 8+. \$5 drop-in, \$10 students for all classes, \$15 adults for all classes. Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: algeorge@comcast.net.

■ **Conscientious Projector series** — July 21, 7 p.m. BFU's Social Justice Committee presents "Venezuela Rising" documentary regarding Haiti. Discussion follows. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists' Hall, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. \$10 donation. Details: 510-528-5403, 510-841-4824.

■ **Berkeley Opera** — David Scott Marley's new English adaptation of Puccini's "The Girl of the Golden West," 8

p.m. July 21; 2 p.m. July 23; Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. \$10-\$40; 925-798-1300. Details: 510-841-1903, www.berkeleyopera.org.

■ **Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center** — July 21, 9 p.m. Chant Down Band featuring Luvfire, Djs Riddm and Tumbleweed, \$12. July 22, 8 p.m. Cajun dance lesson, 9 p.m. Tom Rigney and Flambeau, \$11-\$13. July 23, 10 p.m. DJ Edwin, free. July 23, 4 p.m. Walling Junk Symphony for the Most High, \$8-\$12. July 25, 8 p.m. Cajun dance lesson, 8:30 p.m. Creole Belles with Andrew Carriere, \$9. July 26, 7:30 p.m. swing dance lesson, 8:30 p.m. Jules Broussard, \$10. July 27, 10 p.m. Digital Dave, \$6. July 28, 8 p.m. swing dance lesson, 9 p.m. Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Burns with Ms. Carmen Gett, \$11-\$13. July 29, 9 p.m. drum circle, 10 p.m. Hamsa Lia, \$10-\$14. July 30, 2:30 p.m. Bandworks, \$5. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-525-5054.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — July 21, 7 p.m., Nicaraguan Film Festival: Viva Sandino, \$5-\$7. July 22, 9 p.m., Manuel Suarez and Manny y Mano de Orla with DJ Walldigz, \$12-\$15. July 23, 4-5:30 p.m., Michael Spiro book release party, Afro-Cuban Percussion Clinic, \$10. July 23 performance of "Pins and Needles," Millie Weitz, \$10. July 26, 7 p.m. "Donde Acaban Los Caminos/Where All Roads End" screen-

ing, \$6. July 27, 8 p.m., Los Angeles, \$8-\$10. July 28, 8:30 p.m., Los Angeles, \$8-\$10. July 29, 8 p.m., Los Angeles, \$8-\$10. July 30, 8 p.m., Los Angeles, \$8-\$10. July 31, 8 p.m., Los Angeles, \$8-\$10. Details: 510-841-1903, www.berkeleyopera.org.

■ **Pacific Film Archive** — Screening at 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, 7:30 p.m. 8:50 p.m. July 22, "Star." 6:30 p.m. July 29, "The mandarin." 5:30 p.m. Aug. 3, "The River." 7:30 p.m. Aug. 3, "The Girl with a Heart of Gold." 5:30 p.m. Aug. 13, "The stown Flood." 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26, "John Canemaker: Marching Different Toon." 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26, "Winsor McCay: His Life and Work." 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29, "Who I Am." 510-642-0808, www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.

■ **Shotgun Players** — "Rage, Doom of the Gods," 12 p.m. Aug. 23; 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 10; John Hinkle, Southampton Avenue and San Pablo, Berkeley. Park transfer to timeless land filled with gods, battles and the eternal desire for survival. Free, donations welcome. 510-642-6500, www.shotgunplayers.com.

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Prime Life In Our Neighborhood



East Island Senior Care

In the course of our lives, most of us will reach a point when we cannot completely care for ourselves. If you are one of the 52 million Americans who have the task of caring for family members or friends, how do you avoid getting completely overwhelmed or neglecting your

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Adult day programs provide a welcoming community, health services, creative activities, a hot meal and transportation assistance to and from the program. These are day-time services that make it possible for frail elders to live at home, protect their health and independence, and enjoy themselves. Perhaps most importantly, these programs provide socialization and involvement for participants as well as a much needed break for caregivers, thereby strengthening and preserving family relationships. Further information is available by calling East Island Senior Residence and Day Care. (510) 865-3380 or at

www.alamedasenior.com

Why does balance get worse with age?

Our bodies depend on input from three different sensory systems for balance. These three are: 1) vision; 2) sensory receptors in the skin, muscles and joints; and 3) inner ear mechanisms. The brain must receive and integrate the sensory input from all three systems and formulate a motor response from the muscles in order to maintain balance. This motor response requires strong leg muscles and flexible joints. Many of these components can be affected with aging. Vision can become less acute and sensation diminished with

diabetes or circulatory problems. Medical problems or medications can affect the inner ear. Brain processes can also become slower with strokes, Alzheimer's, or other neurological conditions. Muscles can become weak and joints stiff from lack of exercise.

What can you do to maintain or improve balance? Stay healthy, keep your mind active, and exercise regularly. You are never too old to start exercising. Take daily walks; find a form of exercise that you like and stick with it; join a gym and get stronger.

Physical Therapists assess an individual's balance and determine if falling.

Therapists can suggest work with people whose balance has decreased to a point that it is starting to affect their performance in everyday activities.

Remember: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Take steps to improve or maintain your balance before the fall occurs! Any questions?

Call Kathy Hanley, Alameda Elder Services, at 521-9200 ext. 105.

Chaplain Services Play an Important Role at Mercy Retirement & Care Center

Spiritual care services at Mercy Retirement & Care Center assist residents, their families and staff with life issues that often accompany aging or diminishing health. Spiritual support can be important at any age, but especially for aging adults who face more challenges. The chaplains at Mercy are an integral part of our community's response to those challenges. "The spiritual side of life is an important one," notes Sister

Janet, Chaplain. "We are here to help residents transition to their new home, help counsel on a particular issue, involve ourselves in the daily activities, and just be there to listen and lend support," continued Sister Janet.

Finding creative ways to resolve issues, finding new meanings in life or working through difficult times is sometimes the order of the day. Sister Liz, the Care

Center Chaplain, has the "Compassionate Program" where a chaplain, a massage therapist or a massage service is an effective tool for stress relaxation of our residents. Sister Carmen and David are also spiritual care providers for Mercy residents who experience changes that life brings them as they age.

The Spiritual Care services are part of the program offered at Mercy Retirement & Care Center, which originates from the mission to serve and support both the physical and spiritual well-being of residents. Mercy chaplains that are available to provide services to residents and counseling to both family members and staff. Retirement & Care Center offers care with dignity and respect for your individual needs. Mercy is very proud of our 134 year tradition providing quality care to seniors. As a multi-service community, we offer Assisted Living, Day Care, and Skilled Nursing all on our 4.5 acre campus.

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CarShare

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...amphitheater, a three-story parking on Fleming Point, and an outdoor shopping center equal in size to three city blocks.

...May, a representative for the CarShare project said the development was planning to increase the amount of open space in the area and retail project to 18 acres and push back the development to 300 feet from the shoreline. It was originally projected to be 200 feet.

...the environmental initiative, is being challenged in the County Superior Court, but to let the proposal be submitted," he said.

...In its place, the council, by a 3-2 vote, asked for a resolution that would reiterate its commitment to processing an application for a CarShare development, if he decides to submit one.

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CarShare

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Once a person becomes a member, he can reserve a vehicle at any location in the Bay Area for as long as he needs it by calling or e-mailing a reservation.

"The average cost of owning a car is around \$700 (a month) and our average monthly bill is between \$35 and \$75," Dobris said. "So people can save a lot of money. It's particularly popular in the East Bay with people looking to get rid of a second car, and they use us their backup."

CarShare started with a few cars in San Francisco in January 2001, and expanded to Oakland and Berkeley the following year.

It now has 80 locations, 140 cars and more than 5,000 members, Dobris said.

Locations in Oakland include Piedmont Avenue and the MacArthur BART station; in Berkeley, cars are located in seven places, including the North Berkeley BART station, at the Gaia building in downtown Berkeley, and the Ashby BART stations.

BART stations are a logical place for CarShare vehicles, and it's one reason the company decided to locate in El Cerrito.

The El Cerrito Plaza Prius is also a stone's throw from electronic bike lockers and a block away from the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center, where a condominium complex will be built.

"We're excited because we're also trying to work to diversify transportation options in El Cerrito by enhancing the pedestrian and transportation environment," city environmental analyst

Chief

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Mountain View police department, developing a reputation as a hard-working, likable manager who never took a sick day, according to newspaper reports.

He retired from the Mountain View police department in the mid-1990s, after spending six years as chief in that city.

Following that, he worked as interim chief in other communities, including Atherton, where he was hired in 2000 after the chief there resigned amidst misdemeanor charges of voter fraud.

Taylor's position will be temporary, and will likely last between six and 18 months, Haxo said.

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Melanie Mintz said. "CarShare is a great alternative to individual car ownership and multiple cars being owned by a family. It's a way to get their needs met."

North Berkeley resident Leif Brown began using City CarShare in January, when his family's 1989 Honda Accord began breaking down and was costing more to fix than it was worth.

It was around that time that CarShare added a second pod at the North Berkeley BART station, a five-minute walk from his home.

Using CarShare as the second car for his wife and young son is less convenient — they have to plan a day or so in advance to make sure it's available — but it's a lot cheaper than owning a second car.

When the North Berkeley vehicle isn't available, he takes BART to the city's downtown, where there's almost always at least one occupied pod.

"We use it whenever both my wife and I need to run separate kinds of errands," said Brown, 40. He added that he planned to use it this week while his family's main mode of transportation — a Subaru Outback — was in the shop.

He expected that people who sign up now for the El Cerrito CarShare will have easy access to it, but that it would become more difficult to reserve as it becomes more popular.

Dobris also expected the company to expand quickly in El Cerrito.

"It's been the case for every other location we've gone to," he said.

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the police department's regular chief, Barry Garfield, remains on leave. Garfield walked out of a May 25 board meeting and has not returned.

"If Garfield does not come back, the process will begin for hiring a permanent chief," Haxo said, "and that process will take six to nine months depending on how we choose to proceed."

Garfield's absence, coupled with a shortage of police officers and two armed robberies early this year, has concerned some Kensington residents, and placed the board under an unusually high degree of scrutiny.

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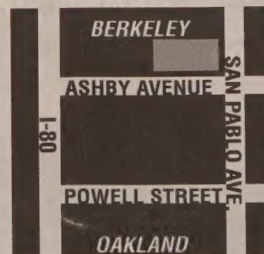
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High-Peaked Colonial in Berkeley's Arts Area

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A home at 3020 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley joins a group of homes built in the Colonial Revival style in Berkeley's Arts Area.

Details in the early 20th-century home complement the 21st-century upgrades without compromising the home's original and historic character.

The entry welcomes visitors with a large arched doorway and a landing with a carved wooden staircase and a landing with a wooden ceiling.

The living room has built-in windows and opens to the dining room with its fireplace and additional window seating. The eat-in kitchen is perfect for the home chef.

The office (or den) that could be a third bedroom has an up-bath and opens onto the landscaped back yard with a dresser drawers and a fully finished loft tucked into the peaked ceilings enhance the bedroom and make it a per-away.

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TWIN HIGH-PEAKED GABLES on the dormers and a high-peaked gable over the entryway echo the high-peaked Colonial Revival style on the home at 3020 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley.

The Colonial Revival style

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In 1874 — two years before the United States celebrated its centennial — a magazine printed a photograph of a run-down house that had been built in Newport, Rhode Island in 1728.

An article accompanied the photograph of the 146-year-old house and lamented its condition. The ar-

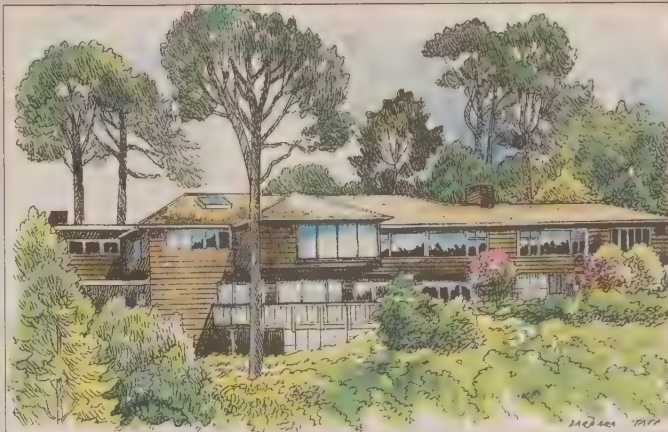
ticle went on to advise that the house — and those like it — should be recorded and preserved.

Bruce Irving of This Old House says that three years later, the nascent architectural firm of McKim, Bigelow and Mead, took what they called a "celebrated" trip through New England.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

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You won't find vinyl flooring or plastic showers in these units — all bathrooms boast ceramic tile floors and wainscoting and limestone bathroom vanities. Modern carpeting is installed only in units on the 2nd level — above the concrete garage.

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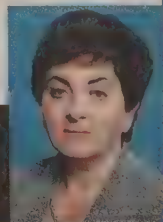
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PERIOD DETAILS: The home at 3029 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley still has many of the century details including window seating in the living room, above and a dining room fireplace.

Home

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The second floor has one additional bedroom with two closets and a uniquely remodeled bathroom with a surprise walk-in closet.

The house has hardwood floors. The plumbing, electric and heating systems were updated in 2002.

This oasis of renovated charm is located near shopping and restaurants, Ashby BART Station and Epic Arts in the Ashby Arts neighborhood.

The home's large private back yard has a deck that allows you to relax or entertain outdoors.

Style

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The trio sketched and made measured drawings of what they considered "important colonial houses" along the way.

"It was not long before they and others were designing buildings of varying colonial veracity," Irving says. "At first, much of the new trend appeared as a decorative overlay on the current Queen Anne style — generous applications of neo-classical touches such as dentil moldings, pediments, fluted columns and Palladian windows over the rather free-form and asymmetric underlying structures."

Irving says that the new style found such appeal that some existing buildings were "done over" in the Colonial Revival style.

While loosely based on the Georgian-style homes that still looked to Britain for inspiration, the Colonial Revival style was the first 19th-century domestic architectural style rooted in the United States. Although it existed side-by-side with the Queen Anne and Stick styles, some see the Colonial Revival style as the end of the Victorian-era styles in this country. Many aspects of the symmetrical, foursquare Colonial Revival style found echoes in the later Bungalow house style.

The Colonial Revival style reflected the American sense of patriotism that lasted from the 1876 centennial celebration through the Spanish-American War, World War One and World War Two. The style remained popular until the mid-1950s.

Variations on the style include homes with hipped roofs, center gables, gambrel roofs, second-story overhangs and — like the home at 3029 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley — high peaks.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: A high-peaked Colonial Revival home at 3029 Martin Luther King Jr Way in Berkeley.
Size: Approximately 1,648 square feet on a 4,880-square-foot lot.

Bedrooms: Two

Bathrooms: Two

Features: Turn-of-the-century architectural details include a wood-trimmed staircase and coved ceilings. The large living room and formal dining room have built-in window seating. The dining room also has a fireplace. The master bedroom has a furnished loft tucked into the high-peaked ceiling. The home is in Berkeley's Ashby Arts Area.

Price: \$789,000

Listing agent: Diana Yonkouski, Bay Area Properties, Berkeley, 510-597-0292, take a virtual tour at www.baproperties.com.

New Listing ~ 2719 Calhoun Street



2719 Calhoun Street, Alameda
Open House Sat/Sun 2:00 ~ 4:00
Offered at \$793,000

Desirable area of Alameda, this historical Mediterranean Style Home has 3 Bedrooms & 2 full Baths. Period Architectural arched windows, oak hardwood flooring. An updated kitchen with a separate breakfast area. Walking distances to schools, parks, and shopping. A Must See Home! For more photos visit: www.2719Calhoun.com

1846 Eighth Street, Alameda

Price Reduced \$655,000

Located on a quiet street of Alameda. Beautiful 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath home WITH a Bonus Detached Artist Studio/Home office at the rear of property. Bamboo hardwood flooring, dining room area. Private backyard with Two separate driveways and with attached garage. Photos at www.1846Eighth.com

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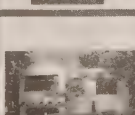
San Pablo

Cute 3bd/1ba home -- hardwood floors, new double pane windows, tiled kitchen and bath. Roof is 5 years old. White picket fence front yard and many fruit trees in backyard
\$425,000



San Francisco -- Mission

Beautiful 3-unit Edwardian. 2 2bd units, wonderfully updated 3bd top floor unit with views to Twin Peaks. Ideal investment or as TICs (two units vacant at COE).
\$1,795,000



Mil Valley

Charming 4 bd, 1 ba home in popular Sycamore Park close to schools, rec center, downtown & more. Refinished floors and new paint inside and outside facade. Use as is or bring your imagination. There's lots of potential.
\$950,000



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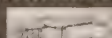
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★ ★ Open House - Sunday, July 23rd, 1-4pm ★ ★



2 bedrooms & 1 bath
5360 Locksley

Offered at \$530,000

Charming Bungalow with Bonus Space in Rockridge

Visit this wonderful Rockridge home, you won't be disappointed! The heart of the home, then this home has plenty of heart. It was a "Rockridge Kitchen Tour" to rave reviews. The home has been designed and remodeled. There is room for great cooking and attached breakfast nook the cooks will always be where the kitchen and nook open up to the most exquisite, mature garden with patios and decks. Hardwood floors, a wood burning fireplace in room, nice architectural detailing, and designer colors complete the home. Many of the systems have been upgraded or are new. The wine is tucked behind the garage and is nestled in the quiet and tree garden. If schools are important, then this home has access to one of Oakland's premier schools - Chabot Elementary. Your new home is located on one of Rockridge's friendliest streets where there is a real sense of community. It is close to all the great shops and restaurants on College Avenue, BART and Casual Carpooling - making the commute to SF a snap. There are Gallons of Great Coffee nearby.

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ONLINE TOUR @ www.5360Locksley.com

425 Orange Street #401



Sunny & bright 3bedroom bath Penthouse condo with an unobstructed panoramic view of San Francisco, Tamalpais, and the Oakland Hills. This beautiful home offers a spacious living

with wood burning fireplace, dining room, recently remodeled kitchen with cherry wood cabinets, stainless floor, and stainless steel appliances. Both baths have been remodeled too. Wrap around private roof-top deck building is well maintained with manicured lawns, flower beds, large lap pool and on-site laundry facilities.

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★ ★ Open House - Sunday, July 23rd, 1-4pm ★ ★



1 Bedroom & 1 Bath

3829 Webster Street

Offered at \$399,000 & \$429,000

2 Newly Renovated Homes Close to Every Original Charm w/ Remodeled Kitchen & Bath

If you have been searching for a Condo home that has retained wonderful architectural detailing of the Traditional Oakland Finest updated spaces, then this home is worth a visit. These Condos have just completed a full renovation. Both of these Condos feature a 1 bathroom, hardwood floors, a spacious remodeled kitchen living and dining rooms, a remodeled bathroom, office nook, storage, updated systems, and a clear termite inspection, your new move-in condition. Your new home is located in the lower Temescal and is everything — including all the great shops and restaurants in Temescal, Piedmont Avenue, Emeryville, and Rockridge. Commuting from this home is a snap with BART just a few short blocks away, freeways, and AC Transit just around the corner. As a bonus, the transit village at the MacArthur BART Station is surely going to make this a great long term investment!

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house hunting on the 'Net the way to go?

ber 499 in a series of true
ces in real estate
e's a lot of house shopping
these days on the internet.
agents, neighbors and those
simply curious see photos
screen before, and often in-
seeing houses in person.
probably see many more
this way than they used to
fashioned way. I know that
everyday I sit at my computer
and an hour looking at new
many of which are posted
10 photographs.

is one in North Berkeley,
stucco bungalow, the out-
rooms in good shape. Click.
room furnished, stone look
drapes on windows. Click.
room has been staged.
light fixture, nice. Click.
like the kitchen was re-
1960, lots of orange, and
an electric cooktop. Next.
fairly fast way for buyers
agents to narrow the pos-
Not all can pay \$700,000
me. If you want to live in
you probably aren't look-
ward. Families of 6 are un-
ten I see no reason to go in person
because I'm no longer curious. I al-
ready know too much.

Maybe that's OK. I doubt that
many people are buying houses
without visiting them. After viewing
numerous houses online, selections
are made, and people go in person
to see.

Anet and I have people come to
our open houses all the time who
know quite a bit about our listing
before they get there. Sometimes
they even have our flyer in hand;
they've printed it out from our Web

It has become common for list-
ings to be accompanied by pictures
of the living and dining rooms,
kitchen and bedrooms, one each
taken from the doorways. Plus a
shot of the yard. Sometimes on
Web sites there is a slide show or
even a video. The photographer
stands in the center of the house
and turns in a circle, makes a 360
degree video. Sometimes there is
background music. These ads are
offered in the hope that viewers will
be sufficiently impressed by what
they see that they will make a per-
sonal visit to the house.

But I find just the opposite. The
more photos I'm shown, the fewer
houses I visit. Each week I look at
the agent tour and select which
houses we will go to see. Last week
on the Thursday tour 160 houses
were being held open. Which dozen
or so shall we visit?

"Not this one," I say to Anet as
I look at photos on my computer.
"We've seen that house." Some-
times I mean that we've seen sim-
ilar houses built about the same
time with approximately the same
layout and detailing. But more of-
ten I see no reason to go in person
because I'm no longer curious. I al-
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site. These people have designated
our listing as one they might want
to buy. They can afford the price, it
seems to meet their needs in terms
of size and amenities, location and
outdoor space. That's why they
have shown up to see it in person:
to confirm their interest.

And it does turn out right much
of the time. The buyer first saw the
house on-line. He visited, liked what
he experienced, and he bought.
Proof that the system works. But I
wonder what houses he didn't go
to see, ones he crossed off his list
because he looked at the photos and
decided never mind. Some
houses, I know from experience,
are more photogenic than others.

I keep albums of photos of all of
our listings. It's interesting to me
that many of my favorite houses,
ones that I so enjoyed being in and
dreamed about living in, don't look
that good in photographs.

Often as not, I look at the pho-
tos and think something like this:
this room looked so much more
beautiful than it looks here. Some-
thing about the light and the tex-
tures. I can remember what it was
like by looking at the photo but the
photo doesn't do it justice.

See TARPOFF, Page B5

looking at long-term care insurance

are answers to
commonly asked
questions

ough it may not be a popu-
lar of discussion, the possi-
each of us will need some
long-term care assistance
age is really unavoidable. As
instead of shying away from
versation, it is important to
time - in advance - to de-
strategy for dealing with the
of paying for such assis-
One option can be found in
of long-term care insurance.
basic terms, long-term care
insurance is a type of cover-
can purchase to cover the
associated with any assis-
receive when you can no
care for yourself.

ou become physically im-
due to something such as
the illness or a degenerative
one, LTC insurance can help
your nest egg from the high
of extended health care. Like
insurance, you pay a set pre-
and in return you receive a
dollar amount for care you
receive in various settings —
ing your home.

LTC insurance is new to you,
the first things you may be
ing is how you would qual-
ify for the benefits. Need is
on an evaluation of a group
different activities you would
perform, known as activi-
tally living.

ee include such activities as
grooming, dressing, and eating. In
a person who is unable to
at least two of the list of six
would be considered eli-
LTC benefits. Additionally,
may also be able to receive
if you suffer from certain
ve impairments, such as
mar's disease.

that you have a better idea
this, you may wonder when
be a good time to purchase
insurance. These plans can be
important part of a strategy to
your retirement assets.

while it may seem like some-
thing you think would be far off
future, unfortunately many
end up needing this type of
care well before they expected.

Generally, as you get closer to re-
irement age, you will want to start
seriously considering LTC insur-
ance, and by the time you do retire
it should be a part of your invest-
ment portfolio.

If you have thought far enough
ahead to consider medical ex-
penses later in life, you may be un-
der the assumption that programs
such as Medicare or Medicaid will
cover a good portion of your ex-
penses. Unfortunately, when it
comes to long-term care, that may
not necessarily be the case. Medi-
care funding, for example, is
limited to medically necessary,
acute, skilled care.

This refers to the type of care
you would receive at a hospital or
skilled nursing facility, and benefits
are also typically limited to just 100
days.

On the other hand, LTC insur-
ance benefits cover assistance you
may need for performing the sim-
ple activities of daily living, as men-
tioned previously. This is the kind
of care you may receive in a nurs-
ing home, an assisted-living facility,
or even in your own home.

Medicaid presents several pos-
sible complications as well. It can
cover some long-term care needs,
but programs and eligibility vary
from state to state.

Medicaid is designed for those
individuals who do not have
enough income or assets to pay
for long-term care, and would re-
quire you to deplete most of your
assets in order to qualify. In addi-
tion, it may not cover care you re-
ceive in your home, and not all fa-
cilities accept it.

Long-term care insurance may
not be the best bet for everyone. If
you have already saved enough
money to cover long-term care ex-
penses on your own, then LTC in-
surance may not be useful. The
same may be true if you do not
have enough assets to protect.

But if you have made plans for
the assets you have accumulated
in your nest egg, you should care-
fully evaluate whether this special-
ized insurance coverage could help
protect those assets in the future.

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open sunday

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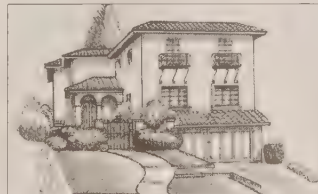


Discover Sunset Point in Marina Bay —
The Chron called it "the Tiburon of
the East Bay..." 2+BD/3BA, views of
Bay & Mt. Tam, stunning interior filled with
light, unique spaces and beautifully done.
Charming garden takes full advantage of
sunny micro-climate. **Just \$785,000**

Just Listed!



Opportunity! This N. Berkeley Hills
home offers 3+BD/3 Full baths, part of
which is a studio/au-pair with separate
entrance. Filtered Bay views, in need of
some elbow grease & updating, but with
excellent bones and well worth the effort.
Very reasonably priced at \$639,000.



Stunning traditional view home!
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BERKELEY - NEW! \$469,000
2/1 - Updated kitchen, maple cabinets, marble tile countertops, new appliances, new bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, huge deck.
1735 Spruce Street #1 Sat & Sun 2-5

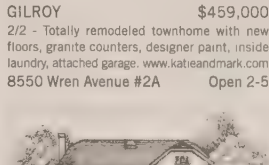
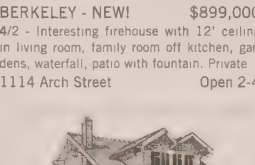
BERKELEY \$635,000
2/1 - Cute split-level Westbrae bungalow. Hardwood floors, fireplace, built-ins, basement space has a half bath.
1400 Acton Street Open 2-4

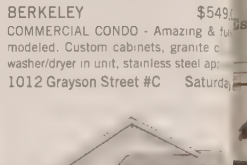
BERKELEY - NEW! \$549,000
2+1 - Classic bungalow with period details. Enclosed porch, antique tiled fireplace, off bedroom, converted garage.
1635 Channing Way Open 2-4

ALBANY \$725,000
3/2 - Master suite and bonus room. Clear pest, newer roof, refinished hardwood floors. Close to shopping.
730 Talbot Avenue Open 2-4:30

BERKELEY \$619,000
2/2 - Amazing townhouse in private gated community away from street. Living/dining room with fireplace, patios, garden, private parking.
1151 Hearst Avenue Open 2-4

BERKELEY \$949,000
3/1.5 - Tudor jewel with lush country yard & Bay view. Living room with cathedral ceilings. Hot tub. www.justsellmyhouse.com
763 Cragmont Avenue Open 2-4

BERKELEY \$999,000
3/2.5 - First time on market in 50 years. Elwood Craftsman with original details, place in master bedroom. Near shops & transit.
2834 Forest Avenue Open 2-4

GILROY \$459,000
2/2 - Totally remodeled townhome with new floors, granite counters, designer paint, inside laundry, attached garage. www.katieandmark.com
8550 Wren Avenue #2A Open 2-5

BERKELEY - NEW! \$899,000
4/2 - Interesting firehouse with 12' ceiling in living room, family room off kitchen, gardens, waterfall, patio with fountain. Private.
1114 Arch Street Open 2-4

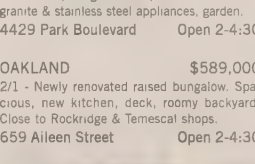
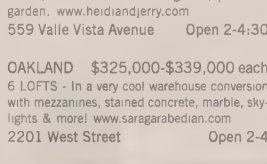
BERKELEY \$550,000
2/1.5 - Built-ins, fireplace, hardwood floors, large yard, detached garage, large basement, plus room, upgraded foundation.
1234 Burnett Street Open 2-4

BERKELEY \$549,000
COMMERCIAL CONDO - Amazing & fully modeled. Custom cabinets, granite countertop, washer/dryer in unit, stainless steel appliances.
1012 Grayson Street #C Saturday

PIEDMONT \$1,030,000
3+2.5 - Craftsman with built-ins, designer colors, hardwood floors, deck, study, garden with fruit trees & raised beds for planting.
63 Wildwood Avenue Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND - NEW! \$749,000
3/2 - Charming Glenview large home. Hardwood floors, designer colors, cook's kitchen with granite & stainless steel appliances, garden.
4429 Park Boulevard Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$935,000
4/2 - Grand Traditional. Great light, plus rooms, architectural details galore, park like garden. www.hedijandjerry.com
559 Valle Vista Avenue Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND - NEW! \$579,000
2/1 - Stylish lower Glenview bungalow with charm, hardwood floors, built-ins, fireplace, updated kitchen, landscaped backyard.
1673 Miami Court Open 2-4

RICHMOND \$480,000
3/2.5 - Light and bright house with lots of outdoor space. Remodeled kitchen, new floors, new heater, 2-car garage. www.katieandmark.com
2542 Treeline Way Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$589,000
2/1 - Newly renovated raised bungalow. Spacious, new kitchen, deck, roomy backyard. Close to Rockridge & Temescal shops.
659 Aileen Street Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$325,000-\$339,000 each
6 LOFTS - In a very cool warehouse conversion with mezzanines, stained concrete, marble, skylights & more! www.saragarabedian.com
2201 West Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$499,000
2/1 - Hardwood floors, fireplace, stylish decor, gorgeous bath, big eat in kitchen, extra space for office, private yard.
2726 Madeline Street Open 2-4

RICHMOND N&E \$599,000
4/2 - 1929 split-level home lovingly maintained & has many upgrades. New electrical system, water heater, furnace, stove.
530 39th Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$899,000
4/2 - Luxury of a grand old estate. Stunning woodwork & architectural details. Over 2,600 sq.ft. living space. Sun porch.
373 Warwick Avenue Open 2-4

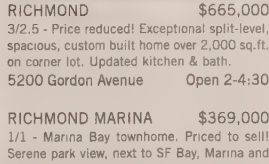
OAKLAND \$619,000
3/1 - Craftsman gem. Leaded glass windows, rich wood, deck, garden. Downstairs: laundry, study, storage, garage. www.justsellmyhouse.com
671 66th Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$799,000
4+1/4 - Big modern house 3,350 sq.ft. on 1/3 acre lot. Expansive city & Bay views, levels of living for several generations.
7865 Outlook Avenue Open 2-4

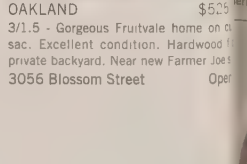
RICHMOND \$665,000
3/2.5 - Price reduced! Exceptional split-level, spacious, custom built home over 2,000 sq.ft. on corner lot. Updated kitchen & bath.
5200 Gordon Avenue Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$529,000
3/1 - Adorable bungalow with many upgrades. Porch, fresh paint, new carpet throughout, eat in kitchen with new tile floors & countertops.
4024 Magee Avenue Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$399,000
LOFT - Flair, volume & space in tranquil courtyard setting with central fountain. Glass block, sleeping mezzanine, skylights, & more.
2932 Filbert Street #6 Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$529,000
3/1.5 - Gorgeous Fruitvale home on corner lot. Excellent condition. Hardwood floors, private backyard. Near New Farmer Joe's.
3056 Blossom Street Open 2-4

RICHMOND MARINA \$369,000
1/1 - Marina Bay townhome. Priced to sell! Serene park view, next to SF Bay, Marina and Trails. www.katieandmark.com
412 Commodore Drive Open 2-5

OAKLAND \$589,000
2/1 - Beautifully updated Craftsman. Big landscaped front & backyards, large rooms, hardwood floors, built-ins, off street parking.
3460 Laguna Avenue Open 2-5

OAKLAND \$499,000
3/1 - Centrally located, super cute house with fireplace. www.charliecookproperties.com
720 58th Street Open 2-4:30

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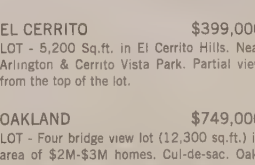
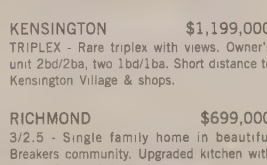
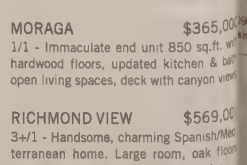
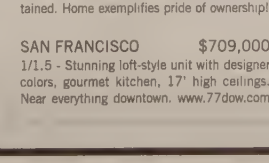
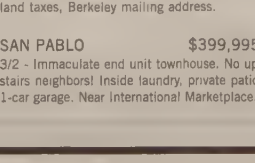
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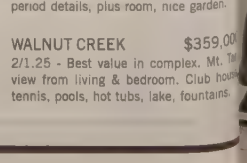
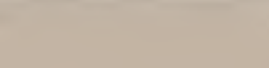
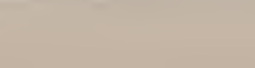

ALAMEDA \$580,000
3/1.5 - Charming, sunny home in a quiet tree-lined neighborhood. Hardwood floors, front and backyard.

ALBANY \$459,000
2/2 - Spectacular Bay views from every room. Corner unit. New carpet. Many upgrades. Prime location. Larger tandem parking stall.

BERKELEY \$795,000
3+2 - North Berkeley house with vintage features. Living room with fireplace & Bay view, attached garage with interior access, large deck.

BERKELEY \$549,000
2+1 - Charming, artistic retreat with huge yard; expansion possibilities. Formal dining room, wood floors. Vibrant neighborhood.

EL CERRITO \$1,820,000
LOT - 1.5 Acres of land with panoramic Bay & Golden Gate Bridge views. Buildable lot 20,750 sq.ft.

EL CERRITO \$399,000
LOT - 5,200 Sq.ft. in El Cerrito Hills. Near Arlington & Cerrito Vista Park. Partial view from the top of the lot.

KENSINGTON \$1,199,000
LOT - Rare triplex with views. Owner's unit 2bd/2ba, two 1bd/1ba. Short distance to Kensington Village & shops.

MORAGA \$365,000
1/1 - Immaculate end unit 850 sq.ft. with hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, open living spaces, deck with canyon views.

OAKLAND \$743,800
3/1.5 - Crocker Highlands charmer! First time on the market in 40 years! Very well maintained. Home exemplifies pride of ownership!

OAKLAND \$749,000
LOT - Four bridge view lot (12,300 sq.ft.) in area of \$2M-\$3M homes. Cul-de-sac. Oakland taxes, Berkeley mailing address.

RICHMOND \$699,000
3/2.5 - Single family home in beautiful Breakers community. Upgraded kitchen with granite & top of the line appliances.

RICHMOND VIEW \$569,000
1/1 - Handsome, charming Spanish/Mediterranean home. Large room, oak floors, period details, plus room, nice garden.

SAN FRANCISCO \$709,000
1/1.5 - Stunning loft-style unit with designer colors, gourmet kitchen, 17' high ceilings. Near everything downtown. www.77dow.com

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3/2 - Immaculate end unit townhouse. No upstairs neighbors! Inside laundry, private patio, 1-car garage. Near International Marketplace.

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2+2.5 - Townhouse with cathedral ceilings, skylights, updated kitchen, master suite, bonus room, 2-car garage, great views.

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2/1.25 - Best value in complex. Mt. Tam view from living & bedroom. Club house, tennis, pools, hot tubs, lake, fountains.

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and sometimes it's the opposite: room looks great in this pic but not so much when you're standing inside it.
I know that I react positively to proportions in rooms, whether rooms are large or quite small. I take the snapshots of our list-

something that makes me want to stay, something words cannot describe. Some houses I would like to spend my life in have a feeling, a comfort, something like a love pat on my arm from someone who cares about me.
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I take the snapshots of our list-

ings that I keep in albums. These are just for record keeping. Anet is our real photographer. She takes many different views for possible placement on our website and she spends hours poring over them before deciding which ones to use.
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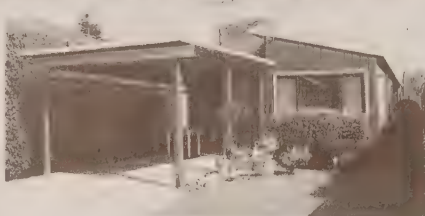
hoping that people will look at the pictures but will still be curious. I want them to come to the house, to feel themselves what the spaces, the air, the feeling is like.

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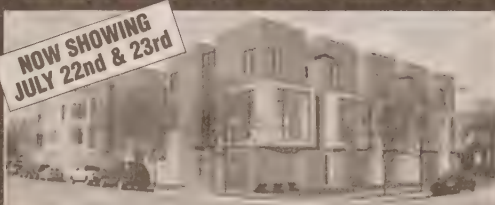
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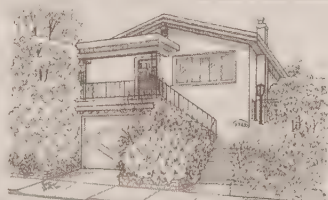
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2726 MADELINE STREET, OAKLAND

Darling bungalow in excellent location. Set back high off the street for maximum privacy, this 2 bedroom, 1 bath features hardwood floors, fireplace, great colors, gorgeous remodeled bath & a huge updated eat-in kitchen with extra space for an office that leads to a beautiful private backyard. Close to transportation & Farmer Joe's. Clear pest!

LISTED AT \$499,000

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California Charm

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3521 CALIFORNIA STREET, OAKLAND

This 3-bedroom, 1-bath home flows with elegance & sophistication. Warm paint colors & handsome hardwood floors set the stage for each room. The finely detailed fireplace commands attention in the living room. The formal dining room welcomes a canopy of greenery through its sliding glass door- giving a dramatic indoor/outdoor feeling with an expansive deck. A generous sized bathroom boasts immaculate tile and modern fixtures. The kitchen is laden with black granite countertops and modern cabinetry, providing convenience & comfort to any cook. Off the kitchen sits the laundry room and the third bedroom which has its own private entrance to the serene deck.

LISTED AT \$525,000

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63 WILDWOOD AVE. PIEDMONT

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Central Piedmont Craftsman with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and study. Deck off kitchen & study leads to a large garden with 11 fruit bearing trees and raised beds with drip irrigation for planting. Craftsman built-ins in living and dining rooms, designer colors, refinished hardwood floors, master suite upstairs and convenient location to Piedmont schools and amenities make this house a winner! Photos @ www.redoakrealty.com.

LISTED AT \$1,030,000

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Elmwood Craftsman!



2834 FOREST AVE. BERKELEY

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First time on the market in nearly 50 years! Beautiful, original details throughout. 3 bedrooms, 2+ bathrooms, sleeping porch & breakfast room. Fireplaces in master bedroom, living room & dining room. Close to BART & shops.

LISTED AT \$995,000

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News and information for and about the Bay Area real estate community and its affiliated industries


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Consumers can find a wealth of

information on the Internet. It's a logical first step in finding out just about everything to do with the

home. Here's a site I've visited and thought you might like too. It's easy to end up deep within this site and find that time really does fly. It's the "This Old House" (TOH) Web site. Start by asking a question of "Ask TOH" or go to the Q&A database. You will enjoy watching "How-To" videos, TOH classics and webcams of live projects. Check out "Homeowner Know-How." It even tells you what tools and materials you will

need. Go ahead and get lost for a little while at thisoldhouse.com. **Legacy Tour**
This year's Alameda Legacy Home Tour, "Alluring Alameda Homes" is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17. The walking tour takes you through quaint neighborhoods, as you visit vintage homes filled with antiques and eclectic collections. The event benefits The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society and the Alameda Museum. Order tickets by



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Berkeley Bungalow with 2+ bedrooms / 1 bath has classic style and an excellent central location. Period details include arches, an enclosed, sun-filled entry porch and an antique tiled fireplace. A converted garage and a study area off one of the bedrooms provide extra spaces; the central location next to schools and downtown amenities provides easy urban access. LISTED AT \$549,000

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1673 MIAMI COURT, OAKLAND

Stylish 2 bedroom lower Glenview bungalow near Park Blvd and New Farm Joe's. Original charm; hardwood floors and built-ins throughout, plus an updated kitchen with two sinks. Beautifully landscaped backyard oasis perfect for summer entertaining. LISTED AT \$579,000

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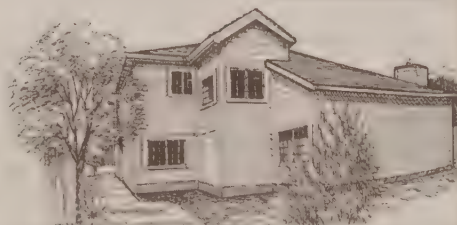
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New Price!

1012 GRAYSON STREET #C, BERKELEY

Back with a great new price! Amazing fully remodeled commercial property with lots of natural light in the heart of Berkeley! Custom cabinets, granite counters, stainless steel appliances, washer & dryer in the unit, lots of storage, skylights, new carpet, ceramic tile flooring and more! Also included a roll-up door and reserved parking for the unit. Only three units in the complex. Don't miss this gem! LISTED AT \$549,000

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1151 HEARST AVENUE, BERKELEY

Amazing, private, free-standing townhome in the heart of Berkeley. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, formal living/dining combo with a fireplace, 2 patios, a garage, private parking, vaulted ceilings, family room & more. Don't miss this opportunity! LISTED AT \$619,000

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PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30

325 HAMPTON ROAD

\$1,950,000

Ideally located this handsome traditional offers one level living & easy access to a fabulous garden. 3+BR/3+BA, spacious formal rooms, family room w/fireplace, au-pair/office.

Kurt Buchholz

334 WILDWOOD AVENUE

\$1,850,000

PIEDMONT. Elegant Miller Warnecke Mediterranean 4BR/3+BA, media room & library. Gracious courtyard & beautiful garden. Great location close to schools.

Sandra Vogl

300 PACIFIC AVENUE

\$1,200,000

Hip-mid century, level out to private rear patio/garden, updated kitchen & baths. 4BR, 2.5BA, large breakfast room, 2 car garage. Great central location with a peak of the Bay view. Debra Dryden

8 LANGDON COURT

\$1,895,000

Monterey Colonial in central Piedmont with traditional style, 3+BR/4BA, updated kitchen with granite counters, terrific family room offers direct access to lovely level garden & patio. Close to all Piedmont schools.

Elizabeth Dickson

1135 RANLEIGH WAY

\$1,335,000

Enjoy the contemporary new kitchen, separate guest suite and fabulous outdoor garden 'room' and spa while living just steps to outstanding schools in this beautifully maintained home. 3+BR/3.5BA.

Mindy Scott

303 OLIVE AVENUE

\$859,000

Piedmont Colonial w/style & charm. Smart, gracious floorplan. 2BR/1BA, breakfast & dining rooms. Garage. Carefully upgraded throughout. Level, useable garden for play, verdant outlooks of the Rose Garden.

Katherine Cooper

OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30

5242 MASONIC AVENUE

\$1,575,000

An exceptionally warm & inviting traditional 3BR/2BA home on a large corner lot. Enjoy the stunning new kitchen & spacious family room. Master bedroom w/Bay views.

Mart W. Heafey

14 CLIPPER HILL

\$1,250,000

Custom-built luxurious Hiller Highlands townhouse w/grand living room, vaulted ceilings, view windows, splendid master suite, Italian marble entry, magnificent views.

Jill Carrigan

870-872 ERIE STREET

\$1,095,000

Desirable Lakeshore neighborhood. Updated, spacious 2BR/1BA units. Living room w/fireplace, formal dining room. Private garden. Finished basement. Attached garage.

Karen Starr

7270 SAYRE DRIVE

\$849,000

A very special Montclair home w/huge decks & level garden and lawn! A spacious in-law with a separate entrance. 4BR/2BA Tranquil & peaceful setting!

Angela Wei Grubb

486 CHENEY AVENUE

\$599,000

Adorable Grand Lake Craftsman w/wonderful period details, 3BR/1BA, breakfast room, formal dining, large level rear garden & garage. Near Farmers' Market.

Bertina Balestrieri

740 CALMAR AVENUE

\$1,049,000

Featured in Oakland Magazine's "Five Creative Kitchens," 3BR Crocker Highlands Mediterranean w/garden landscape by the noted Tony Wong. French doors from living room.

Judith Cain

687 THE TURN

\$949,000

Beautifully designed w/dramatic spaces. Master suite w/custom dressing room/closet & elegant bath. 2BR, kitchen/family room & library w/wet bar.

Michelle Winchester

7535 SKYLINE BLVD.

\$849,000

Newer contemporary w/unique look & distinctive finishes. Open floor plan, wonderful kitchen/family room & living room w/fireplace. 3BR/2BA include lovely master suite. Pristine!

Carolyn Jones

10 CORTEZ COURT

\$825,000

Level-in 3BR/3BA light-filled Montclair home on a quiet cul-de-sac w/South Bay views, large family room, wrap-around deck, garden patio for entertaining & two fireplaces.

Dana Cohen

4391 TERRABELLA PLACE

\$725,000

Sophisticated home w/sleek style. Bamboo & cork flooring, stainless steel finishes, custom-designed kitchen, spacious master suite w/vaulted ceilings, private garden w/patio & spa. Sherry Benninger

1121 TRESTLE GLEN RD

\$699,000

Crocker Highlands Tudor w/hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, 2BR, sunny breakfast room, formal dining room, garage, French doors to big backyard. Attic w/great potential.

Adam Beta

964 ALMA PLACE

\$575,000

A Crocker Highlands Traditional w/2BR/1+BA w/updates to the electrical & new roof. Kitchen & family room await your finishing touches. Two car garage & lots of storage.

Anthony Riggins

454 38TH STREET

\$535,000

Very special, bright 2BR/2BA Temescal home with updated kitchen, fabulous garden, non-conforming in-law. Close to conveniences. Anne Van Dyke

801 CALMAR AVENUE

\$925,000

Lovely 4BR/3.5BA Crocker Highlands traditional. Formal rooms w/hardwood floors. Sunny eat-in kitchen w/ breakfast room adjoins view deck. Au-pair. Fabulous gardens. S.Michaelides/M. Merrick

10701 FALLBROOK WAY

\$679,000

Tahoe Style Ranch home. 3BR/1.5BA. Kitchen opens to living room. California indoor/outdoor living. Property located next to Knowland Park. Completely remodeled & serene!

Hope Broderick

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541 VISTAMONT AVE.

\$2,195,000

Exceptional architecture in magical gardens! Gated, private & serene 3BR/2+BA, 2 offices, family room & state-of-art kitchen, oversized property, Tilden views & pool membership.

The Ratcliffes

20 HILLCREST RD

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2830 DERBY STREET

\$985,000

Living oriented toward the sunfilled deck & garden! Spacious Craftsman w/3BR/3BA, a large family room, a sunroom & garden studio in a great Elmwood location.

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1187 STERLING AVENUE

\$895,000

Thoroughly modern re-do w/beautiful Bay views & peaceful, private setting in N. Berkeley hills. 3BR/3BA, office/den, formal dining, walls of glass, and open floor plan! Near Tilden Park.

Susie Schevill

1570 OLYMPUS AVENUE

\$899,000

A very special home on coveted cul-de-sac near campus w/exceptional privacy & great views! 3BR/2.5BA, den, office & 2-car garage.

Ford/Plowright

1529 BANCROFT WAY

\$785,000

Spacious remodeled home in a great neighborhood. 3BR/1BA on main level. 1BR/2BA + family room on lower level w/separate entrance. 2-car garage. Fenced garden w/lawn.

Annie Walrand

267 COLUMBIA DRIVE

\$785,000

KENSINGTON. Absolutely charming one-level home w/great Bay views, finished attic, nursery or office off master & lower level computer room/office, private patio and garden.

Bebe McRae

7474 TERRACE DRIVE

\$619,000

EL CERRITO. Delightful 2BR/1BA with workshop and bonus spaces. 2-car garage. Sunny gardens, decks & patios. Peaks of SF and the Bay. Kensington Hilltop Elementary.

Chris Cohn

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CLAREMONT CRAFTSMAN

\$1,395,000

BERKELEY. Sophisticated 3BR/3BA or 2BR/2BA w/a full legal 1BR/1BA apt. Bay & parkland views. Contemporary craftsman feel.

Ruth Frassetto

CONTEMPORARY

\$1,195,000

PIEDMONT. Spacious contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA + family room. One level living.

Elizabeth Dickson

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PIEDMONT. Fabulous contemporary set in the trees, 3+BR/2+BA & family room.

Elizabeth Dickson

PIEDMONT CRAFTSMAN

\$1,140,000

PIEDMONT. Vintage charm. Eat-in kitchen. 3+BR/2BA. Rumpus room. Garden.

Carol Brown

PEACEFUL RETREAT

\$1,100,000

PIEDMONT. Wonderful indoor/outdoor living. 3BR/2BA + bonus room.

Mindy Scott

KENSINGTON GEM!

\$899,000

KENSINGTON. Unique 4+BR/2BA. Lower level w/ separate entrance. Updated kitchen.

Ruth Frassetto

2 LIVE/WORK CONDOS

\$895,000

EMERYVILLE. Owner's penthouse loft + adjacent income loft! Historic Besler Bldg.

Bebe McRae

VIEW HOME

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BERKELEY. Close to U.C. & parks. Bay views. 3BR/2BA + den. View deck.

Bebe McRae

CONTEMPORARY GEM!

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\$649,000

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Michael Friedman

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\$569,000

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Debra Dryden

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\$5,000,000

OAKLAND. Stunning estate w/spectacular views. Excellent for shared living including a 2BR apartment. Spectacular level garden w/expansive lawns. Beautiful finishes.

K. Buchholz/A. Tunney

STATELY ENGLISH

\$4,950,000

PIEDMONT. Stately English home w/lovely architectural details. Four levels of living includes work-out room, finished attic & au-pair space. Pool & gardens. Stunning views.

Elizabeth Dickson

CHIC TRADITIONAL

\$1,895,000

PIEDMONT. Chic traditional. Open, flexible floor plan with loads of light and wonderful North Bay views. Beautiful kitchen.

Anian Pettit Tunney

ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN

\$1,625,000

OAKLAND. Craftsman 5+BR/3+BA. Au pair suite w/sitting room, Metro lighting & a professionally landscaped terraced garden.

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NEW OAKLAND HILLS LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2-4:30PM



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4903 Stoneridge Court, Oakland Offered at \$879,000

Enter a private gate to a very special 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Ridgemont home. Wonderfully remodeled kitchen opens to a family room with fireplace. Spacious master suite with deck overlooking the garden. Enjoy the sense of privacy and seclusion of a large, professionally landscaped corner lot. New roof, 3-car garage.

NEW GLENVIEW LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2-5PM



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3860 Glen Park Road, Oakland Offered at \$789,000

This charming 4 bedroom, 2 bath Craftsman reflects the architectural personality of the early days in Glenview! Built in 1919, it features formal living and dining rooms with handsome built-ins, a large country kitchen with an adjoining breakfast room, and light-filled bedrooms on each level. A generous backyard with brimming wisteria and fruit trees, is ideal for everyday entertaining or play. Original detached artist's studio with sleeping loft. Convenient location for commutes. Minutes to shops and cafes of Glenview.

NEW PIEDMONT AVENUE LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2-4:30PM

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54 Linda Avenue, Oakland Offered at \$619,000

Ultra charming, sun filled two bedroom Traditional home with exciting open design country kitchen, exquisite architectural detailing, studio, deck, garden, and three car off street parking in trendy Piedmont Avenue location.



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VINTAGE BEAUTY OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2-4:30PM

1050 45th Street, Emeryville Now offered at \$569,000

Original details galore: Arts & Crafts tiled fireplace, dining room built-ins, antique stove and retro linoleum in kitchen, breakfast nook, 2 spacious bedrooms with generous closets, knotty pine paneled bonus room, vintage tiled bathroom, full basement for workshop or artistic endeavors! Professionally landscaped yard and garden, and a sun-drenched deck!

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

OAKLAND HILLS \$4,325,000 4615 ROCKINGHAM CT.

Hallmark of modern art and workmanship. Spectacular 4 bridge views. Grand courtyard. Quiet cul-de-sac. Sumptuous theater and wine cellar. 6+BR/6+BA. David Ichikawa x1331



ELMWOOD \$1,095,000 2609 COLLEGE AVE.

Large 5BR/3BA & 3 half baths historical Brown Shingle Colonial Revival in desirable location. Preserved architectural details, built-ins, fireplaces. Backyard oasis. Dan Joy x1304

BERKELEY \$1,050,000 2417A-2419A PROSPECT ST.

Great hill location close to UC Campus. Each single-level cottage has hardwood floors, fireplaces & gardens as well as 1 car parking garage space. Michelle Vasey x1357

OAKLAND \$945,000 431-433 SUNNYSLOPE AVE.

Georgious Craftsman Duplex with identical units. 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath each. Original details, fireplaces, formal dining rooms, ample parking, huge garden! Erika Celestre x1370

SAN LEANDRO \$859,000 720 LEE AVE.

Classic 1929 Tudor in Estudillo Estates. Updated kitchen & bath, gracious formal rooms. 3BR/1+BA, charming breakfast room, family room & expansion potential. Michelle Miller x1335

SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS \$725,000 10 ELYSIAN PL.

Beautifully remodeled home with new kitchen, baths & double paneled windows. 3BR/2BA, master suite, den, 2-car attached garage, peaceful cul-de-sac. Donna DeBardi x1374

MILLS COLLEGE \$699,000 5321 MacARTHUR BLVD.

4BR/3BA 1926 "country farmhouse" set on .25+ acres. Rolling lawn, "secret" gardens, front porch with rocker, wooded & hill outlooks. Eat-in kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

LAUREL \$552,000 3858 ENOS AVE.

2+BR/1BA sunny, solid bungalow with gleaming hardwood, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, cozy plus room, large level yard with patio. 2-car garage. Lee Jacobson x1309

CASTRO VALLEY \$550,000 2823 SYDNEY WY.

Nice ranch with large rear yard with great potential. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, family room/kitchen combo. Minor TLC needed. Rich Gould x1347

PIEDMONT \$4,100,000 39 CREST RD.

6+BR/6+BA noble English home designed by Newsom & Newsom with separate au pair suite. The huge lot features lawns, terraces, fountains & gardens. Kathleen Callahan x1343

BERKELEY \$1,050,000 2417-2419 PROSPECT ST.

Great hill location close to UC Campus. Each single-level cottage has hardwood floors, fireplaces & gardens as well as 1 car parking garage space. Michelle Vasey x1357

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$849,000 17 TEMPLAR PL.

Secluded hilltop cottage. Bright, newer spacious kitchen & breakfast area open to patio. Marble bath w/whirlpool tub, shower & sinks for 2! Hardwood floors, built-ins, newer systems. Nancy Moore x1302

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$669,000 1397 BARROWS RD.

Sweet 1940s home just off Trestle Glen. Living room features picture window, fireplace & built-ins. Charming updated kitchen, remodeled bath, 2BR/1BA, hardwood flrs. Ann Nichols x1319

UPPER LAUREL \$529,000 3948 PATTERSON AVE.

NEW PRICE! 2BR/1BA bungalow located on the border of Redwood Heights & the Laurel District. Lower unit with full bath, great for home office or guest quarters. Large deck. Joanna Hirsch x1366

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,500,000 5935 MANCHESTER AVE.

Wonderful 4+BR/4+BA Traditional w/fabulous GG views. Master bedroom w/fireplace, billiard room w/fireplace & 50s style soda fountain, separate library, beautiful gardens. Francis Heath x1357



NORTH BERKELEY \$815,000 1151 KEELER AVE.

The Sea Ranch in Berkeley. Rustic 2BR/2BA post & beam construction w/ glorious Bay, bridge & city views from nearly every room. Enter Keeler from Shasta Road. SeeMore @ GiniErick.com x1339

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$669,000 311 OAK ST. PH7

Chic 2BR/2BA penthouse w/fabulous outdoor terrace. Sleek kitchen, hardwood floors, air conditioning. Luxury building with pool, gym, 2-car garage. Dana Dworin x1384

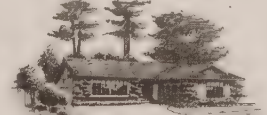


UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,649,000 5234 COCHRANE

Chic, contemporary on prime street. Uplifting design with high ceilings and generous spaces. 3+BR/2+BA, family room with fireplace, large kitchen, breakfast area. Ashley O'Neill x1368

GRAND LAKE \$1,050,000 578 MIRA VISTA AVE.

Architectural gem with wood floors, crown molding, lots of windows, built-ins & glass pocket doors. 2-car garage, gardens, convenient location. Erika Celestre x1370



TEMESCAL \$659,000 442 43RD ST.

Immaculate traditional in the heart of Temescal, close to shopping & transportation. 2BR/2BA, fully developed attic, tasteful updating. Level yard. Sandi Klemmer x1314

RICHMOND VIEW \$519,000 650 KERN ST.

Stylish light filled 2BR/1BA in nice neighborhood steps from the El Cerrito border. Country kitchen, large garden, hardwood floors, tasteful updated. Near BART. Leslie Avant x1341

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,350,000 6307 BROOKSIDE AVE.

Splendid classic 1929 Spanish Mediterranean. 4BR/3BA, dramatic living room w/beamed ceilings, formal dining room, gourmet kitchen, terrace, beautiful garden. Dee Knowland x1318

PIEDMONT \$995,000 361 MORAGA AVE.

Wonderful 4BR/2BA level-in home is conveniently located close to schools & Piedmont Avenue. Beautiful colors, updated kitchen, generous-sized public rooms. Jeffrey Neideman x1385 & Terilyn Medrano x1360

OAKLAND HILLS \$749,000 13031 BROOKPARK RD.

New Price! Charming, remodeled, all-level home in Parkridge Estates. 3BR/2BA, family room, remodeled kitchen w/granite countertops. Near East Bay Regional Parklands. Vicki Woodhead x1334



LOWER LAUREL \$499,000 3001 MAPLE AVE.

Adorable 2BR/1BA bungalow in excellent condition. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, updated kitchen & lovely level yard. Christian Downer x1340

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,270,000 4288 TERRABELLA WY.

Large Mediterranean style 4+BR/2.5BA, master suite, bay views, lovely deck & rear yard, dramatic entry, kitchen/family room combo. Formal dining room, office. Joanna Gould x1346

BERKELEY \$960,000 1410 HAWTHORNE TERR.

2+BR/2+BA. House and cottage. Romantic brown shingle near Gourmet Ghetto. San Francisco & Golden Gate views. Lush garden. Nancy Noman x1373



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$624,000 1371 HOLMAN RD.

New Listing! Charming 1925 Mediterranean features 2BR/1BA, formal dining room, delightful remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, patio. Jackie Care x1378

OAKLAND HILLS \$449,000 6157 HILLMONT DR.

Sweet 1920s cottage w/hill & canyon views. Updated spacious eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, built-ins. Recent structural upgrades & cosmetic improvements. Steven Biasatti x1379

BERKELEY \$1,200,000 2510 WARRING ST.

Large Brown Shingle close to campus. Unique investment! Historic duplex or can be shared housing for a group of 9 or 10. Excellent parking!! Leslie Easterday x1363

MONTCLAIR \$949,000 1880 ARROWHEAD DR.

Dramatic 3BR/3BA Contemporary. Sunny & quiet. High ceilings throughout. Large living room, kitchen/family room combo, decks on each level. Top quality finishes. Dick Cohen x1308

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$749,000 1421 BARROWS RD.

Traditional 3BR/1BA home with separate living & dining rooms. Sensibly arranged kitchen with eat-in breakfast area. Conveniently located. Jeffrey Neideman x1385

SAN LEANDRO \$589,000 131 OAKES BLVD.

New Listing! Charming 3BR/2BA home. Flexible floor plan & great entertaining flow, eat-in kitchen, formal dining w/built-ins, master bedroom w/back deck & yard access. 2 car garage. Michelle Miller x1335

LAKE MERRITT \$439,000 565 BELLEVUE AVE.

New Listing! Sophisticated 1BR/1BA condo w/ expansive views. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors, custom built-in storage closets, home office. Doorman, gym, pool. Joanna Hirsch x1366

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PIEDMONT PINES \$1,849,000

Elegant & sophisticated 4 bedroom, 3 bath Tuscan Villa with wonderful views. Approximately .26 acres of secluded grounds. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

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Three blocks from Ashby BART. Well-maintained 7 unit building. Low maintenance and off-street parking. Gross rent multiplier is 11.3. Wendy Fenner x1303

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$729,000

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LAFAYETTE \$2,150,000

Sleek, hilltop estate recently remodeled to reflect the highest standards of contemporary design. Chef's kitchen w/finest appliances. 1,200 sq. ft. lanai overlooks sparkling pool. Steven Biasatti x1379

OAKLAND HILLS \$1,795,000

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NORTH BERKELEY \$1,150,000

A delicious combination of Bay views and grassy, level yard close to all the parks and pleasures of the North Berkeley foothills. 4BR/2BA plus au pair or office suite. Tour @ GiniErick.com x1339

NORTH BERKELEY \$950,000

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Derry Hampton and Scott Hamp-
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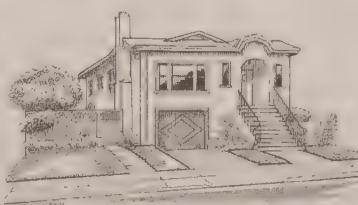
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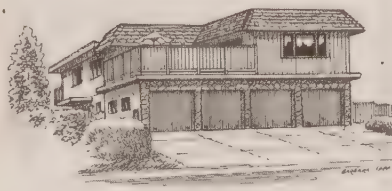
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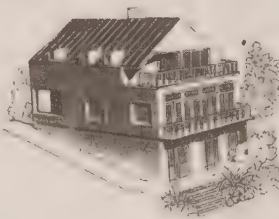
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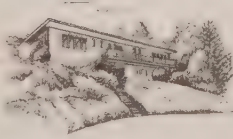
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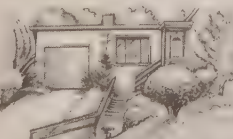
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Purchase-money loans for first-time homebuyers

Recent first-time homebuyer from a previous column regarding purchase-money loans and asked me to consider before they took their first home loan. Was the loan very different from a borrower with an existing home loan? For first-time homebuyers, the important thing is do your homework. (No pun intended). It is to know what lenders want to see about you and that you fit the lender's anticipations.

First and foremost, you must know your credit history. We have seen many young people, out of college, who have little credit history. The majority of lenders are looking for at least three trades (credit cards, student loans and/or auto loans) that have been seasoned (opened and used) for at least 24 months.

There are a few lenders (World Bank comes to mind), who can give you credit as good credit as the borrowers are coming with a 20 percent down payment. You can be tough to do unless you are a parent, grandparent and/or relative who is giving the borrower a partial or whole gift for the down payment, especially in this San Francisco Bay Area real estate market.

You are fortunate enough to have great credit (credit scores at 700 plus), you could qualify for a loan with no down payment loan (95 percent to 100 percent financing). It is important to note that the combination of being a first-time homebuyer, with a low or no down payment and great credit scores, are considered a high risk loan for most lenders.

The majority of first-time homebuyers are renting or living with family. The difference between paying rent or rents of \$1,000 to \$1,800 compared to a PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) payment of \$3,000 a month or more is a queasy feeling and "payment shock risk". They look very closely at the borrower's ability to repay the loan.

The borrower's good income and time on the job key to reducing payment shock risk. For borrowers who do not have adequate documentable income, are the stated income loans, carry a higher interest rate. However, the lender usually wants to see at least six months of that income in the bank. So if the borrower needs to state that he has \$9,000 per month in income, he will need to verify that \$54,000 in his accounts. These accounts can include retirement accounts like 401(k) or SEP accounts as long as they can be documented.

The paper trail or what we like to call "show me the money" is essential as well. Recently we had first-time homebuyers who literally had a bank load of cash. They also had bank accounts, savings and retirement accounts, but they pretty much did not keep the bulk of their cash in these institutions.

Now there are purchase money loans out there that allow stated income and stated asset, and the lender really doesn't care where the money comes from, but the borrower got stuck with a much higher interest rate than they would have if we could have verified the income in a banking institution.

The very best interest rates are the ones we can verify both income and assets. If the money is coming from family member, the lender wants to see that the relative has the funds and the ability to give. We need to know where the funds are coming

from and document what account they are transferred to, whether it be the account of the borrower or the title company's account.

The first-time home buyer really must know what they can afford to pay monthly. The lenders mostly require that your housing ratio (the PITI payment divided by your gross monthly income) not exceed 38 percent. With exceptions made for high credit scores and verified assets, they may stretch to 42 percent, but only if there is little or no consumer debt. Ideally, the ratio's they would prefer would be a housing ratio of 32 percent and a back end ratio (PITI plus monthly consumer debt payments divided by the gross monthly income) at 38 percent.

For example, our buyers found a home to purchase for \$400,000. They are putting five percent down (\$20,000) and a loan amount of \$380,000. They have chosen a single note with no mortgage insurance (the mortgage insurance is factored into the interest rate). At a 7.75 percent interest rate, their principal and interest payment amortized over 30 years would be \$2,722 per month. Then add monthly property tax payment of \$417 and homeowners insurance of \$103 per month and you are looking at a to-

tal monthly obligation of \$3,242. The lender wants to verify income of about \$9,725 per month for the borrower(s) to qualify for this loan.

There are those loans out there with interest only and less than interest only payments that will ease a first-time homebuyer into qualification and reduce payment shock. (Qualification is based on the fully indexed rate-index plus margin). These loans usually do require good credit and at least ten percent

down. It's the piggyback loan with an option ARM first mortgage (80 percent or \$360,000) and a fixed rate second mortgage (10 percent or \$40,000).

A good example is the ever-popular (and over-advertised) 1 percent start rate (which is fixed for 12 months) and has a less-than-interest-only payment. The first year's monthly payment would be \$1,158. The payment on the second, based on a fixed rate of 10 percent would



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be \$351. So the first year's monthly payment with taxes still at \$417 and insurance at \$103 drops to \$2,029, adding about \$1,212 to the borrower's monthly cash flow.

The second year's minimum payment would increase to \$1,245,

an annual increase of 7.50 percent of the payment and the third minimum year increase to \$1,338 per month. All along this time, the difference between the minimum payment and the fully indexed interest only payment is being added to the principal. This is what negative amortization is all about, using your equity to help make your payment and adjust from being a renter and a first-time home buyer.

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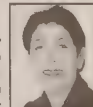
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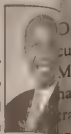


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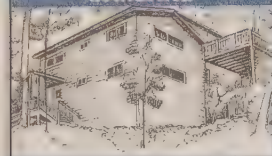
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or fix-it woman to come in and make it pretty. Give everything a fresh coat of paint or a good wipe-down if the paint is still clean and less than a year old. Give hardwood floors a buff and carpets a shampoo, if the previous tenant did not do so (or not well

enough). Make sure there is no trash or leftover junk from a previous tenant or current residents. Change the locks. You don't want to be held liable if a previous tenant turns up in the night at his former dwelling. Make sure the new tenant gets a copy of the key and is aware of the new locks.

Get your paperwork in order. Have credit applications and rental agreements (and pens) handy. Advertise the property and hold an open house on a weekend afternoon. Harden your heart and be prepared for sob stories. Renting your property is a business. Be prepared to say no to potential renters, even if you like them, if they are not good risks (no job, bad credit, prior evictions). Do not discriminate; be aware

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Income Property Insider

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The best Oakland has to offer in this garden paradise! Enjoy great weather & Bay views from updated cottage. 10K sq ft lot, you'll love being surrounded by nature, yet close to Montclair Village and all major conveniences.
OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See photos at: PatriciaBennett.com
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LAUREL (UPPER)
4526 PAMPAS AVE
Lovely 3bd/1ba Tudor w/ fab yard in desirable Upper Laurel neighborhood.
OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Nader Davari 339.8400~339.4566

MAXWELL PARK
3133 RAWSON STREET
JUST LISTED! Great house, views, gorgeous big landscaped yard, large updated eat-in kitchen, many upgrades. See it today. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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ALLENDALE
4257 SUTER STREET
Charming trad'l Craftsman nestled along a tree-lined street. Custom colors, hwd flrs, sun porch, landscaped backyard, and separate artist studio/office.
OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS
4224 REINHARDT DRIVE
Hwd flrs/marble/granite, great room w/frplc, 1 bonus rm, eat-in kit, master suite w/frplc & bath w/hot tub. Individ. bdrm balconies. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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SAN LEANDRO
1355 E. JUANA
Spectacular 360° SF/bay views, amazing sunsets from Bay O Vista. 4bd/3ba two story ranch w/ monstrous in-law. Lush gardens, hwf's, 2 frplc's. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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SAN LEANDRO
520 PALA AVENUE
Bring romance back to your heart in this 5bd/2ba storybook English w/ separate au-pair, French windows/doors. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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SEQUOYAH HILLS
3660 CALAFIA AVENUE
Remodeled lower Sequoyah hills Tudor, hwd flrs throughout, new paint, fixtures & appliances. Level rear yard for garden/play area. Recently landscaped. OPEN SAT 12-2:30
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ALLENDALE
2503 HARRINGTON AVENUE
Huge gorgeous house on private level lot. Architect designed interior with new kitchen, new baths, master suite & in-law unit with 1+ baths.
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EMERYVILLE BORDER
850 W. MACARTHUR
2000 sqft home w/ detached studio & bonus room. Just painted in & out. Close to BART & Emeryville. Zoned Res/Comm. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
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OAKLAND
8342 NEV AVENUE
Great for 1st time buyer or investor. Peaceful neighborhood, 3 nice sized bedrooms & 1 bath. Large level backyard great for entertaining, view.
OPEN SUN 1-5
Wilbert Ross 339.8400~899.6374

PARKWOODS
320 CALDECOTT LANE #118
New granite counter top, two balconies, two parking spaces. Decorator perfect! OPEN SUN 1-4
Michael Harding 339.4000~899.6307

ALBANY
638 EVELYN AVENUE
Fixer! Mediterranean bungalow with matchstick hwd flrs, fireplace, side yard. Great schools & close to Solano Ave. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Martha Hill 339.8400~899.6369

LOWER LAUREL
4010 FULLINGTON STREET
Move-in condition bungalow in lower Laurel. Manicured front yard w/large rear patio for entertaining. A perfect starter home. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Gayle Smith 339.8400~339.4562

RICHMOND
537 17TH ST.
Cozy 2bd/1ba, nice yard with sprinklers & storage shed. Walk to BART. OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4:30
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GRAND LAKE
3648 GRAND #7
NEW LOWER PRICE! Sophisticated Grand Lake Condo. 2bd/2ba, easy walk to Piedmont Ave. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Jennie Lippincott 339.8400~384.3557

ROCKRIDGE
5343 BROADWAY TERRACE
Cute, cozy unit near golf course. Dining area off kitchen, balcony access from LR and bedroom. Wonderful neighborhood near College Ave shops. Parking garage. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Lila Owens 339.4000~899.6315

CLAREMONT HILLS
14 CHANCELLOR PL
Contemp. Mediterranean 4bd/3bath, spectacular SF views, spacious triplan, HWF's, formal LR/DR, family room, lg kit w/courtyard entry. Ganice Morgan-Austin 339.4000~899.6395

MONTCLAIR
6240 ASPINWALL ROAD
3bd, 3ba custom contemporary w/ bay views, open design, skylights, hwd flrs, formal LR, formal DR, gourmet kitchen, family/tee room, landscaped yards & garage.
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NORTH BERKELEY
180 TAMALPAIS
Architect designed in 1925 on coveted street. 4/2, sweeping bay views.
Mary Hanna 339.8400~339.5776

GRAND LAKE
825 VERMONT STREET
Beautiful triplex. Freshly painted, close to shops, restaurants, transportation, walking distance to lake Merritt. Units are 2/2, 2/1, 1/1.
A.D. Nassiri 339.4000~899.6313

OAKLAND
3658 VIRDEN AVE
Wonderful 4/2, hwf's, newer appliances, FP pano views, 2car grg, new windows, plus room.
Robert M. Scott 339.4000~485.5118

MAXWELL PARK
5315 CAMDEN
Lovely remodeled craftsman, frplc in LR, formal DR, eat-in kit, extended driveway, sprinkler system & spacious level backyard.
Rochelle Anthony 339.4000~899.6321

LOT FOR SALE
PIEDMONT PINES
Lovely subdivided lot, approximately 16,500 sq ft. Rare opportunity to build a home surrounded by the wilderness. All reports available.
Mary Hanna 339.8400~339.5776

OAKLAND
1209 90TH
Charming updated 2bd/1ba on large lot. New kitchen, floors, carpet, paint in & out, updated bath, lots of closet space. Come see.
Robert M. Scott 339.4000~485.5118

OAKLAND
150 PEARL STREET
Wonderful 1bd/1ba condo in a great area. Updated kit & bath. Close to Lake Merritt, shopping & freeways.
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Learn what it takes to qualify for purchase assistance

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Do you qualify to buy a home? Don't wait to find out. Although mortgage interest continues at a historically low level, rates are slowly moving up. Low interest rates mean lower monthly home loan payments.

Many potential first time homebuyers put off preparations for becoming a homeowner. Unanswered questions prevent them from moving forward.

Do you need 20 percent down? How much cash is needed? What if you have a low credit score? Answering these questions could be the first step toward homeownership.

The next step is education. Get the answers to all your questions and prepare yourself for homebuying by attending the "First Home Purchase". The free class is scheduled from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 29, at the RE/MAX Conference Center in Castro Valley.

Realtor Jonathan Fleming of RE/MAX In Motion presents the free class. "Getting your initial homebuying questions answered is a good start," said Fleming.

"But first time buyers are empowered as they become more knowledgeable about the entire process."

One of Fleming's areas of specialization is real estate education. His team includes experts knowledgeable about financial products geared for those in the public service sector. Fleming also offers relocation help for those new to the area, with worldwide RE/MAX contacts.

The guest speaker is home mortgage consultant Sam Thompson of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. He will explain special offerings for first timers, such as lease-to-own programs, FHA loans and 100 percent financing loans.

Learn to buy with no money down, how to work with less-than-perfect credit and how to prove income if self-employed. Jones will also explain other loan products,

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Jonathan Fleming

how to improve credit and how to fill out an application.

Seating is limited. Reservations are encouraged. To learn more contact Fleming at 888-681-7771 ext. 708 or visit localhouseinfo.com.

TEXAS INVESTMENT WORKSHOP

Presenters: Phil Bennett, Depot Real Estate.

Date/Time: Saturday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Depot Real Estate, 2830 Pinole Valley Road, Suite B, Pinole. Registration: Call 510-758-9700.

Fee: Free.

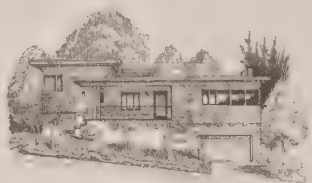
Description: Learn where you can find a \$52,000 home rented for \$650 a month. Examples of sold and available properties. Seminar would be of special interest to 1031 clients.

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open sunday

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Hip-mid century, level out to private rear patio/garden, updated kitchen and baths. Four bedrooms, two and one half baths, large breakfast room, two-car garage. Great central location with a peak of the Bay view.

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6548 MOKELUMNE

This cozy, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom Millsmont cottage has the feel of a country oasis. A wonderful plus space with small kitchen is perfect for guests. Fruit trees on an ample back yard complete

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www.3933archmont.com
OFFERED AT
\$529,000



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MILLSMONT AREA OAKLAND

OPEN JULY 23RD / SUN 1-5

6600 OUTLOOK CUTE BUNGALOW WITH VIEWS!!

PREPARE TO FALL IN LOVE!!! Set up above the street, this bungalow has it all! Two bedrooms and one bath, formal dining room and living room with fireplace, all have pretty wood floors. Living, dining and breakfast nook look out towards the Bay with all the sparkling lights. Pretty patio in terraced backyard with the gardener. There's a detached garage, laundry room STOP BY TO VIEW THIS LOVELY HOME!!

Offered at \$519,500



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Grand Lake \$979,000

3+BR/2+BA. Craftsman triplex with owners unit upgraded w/chef's kitchen. Upstairs 1BR/1BA rental unit has hwd floors & great views. Downstairs studio has separate kit. Property includes 2 car garage & separate storage building.

Tom Erwin
www.515ValleVista.com



Oakland \$785,000

3BR/1.5BA. Delightful home in the hills. Open floorplan, lots of light, hwd flrs, large windows, fp, bkrd deck, lovely kit, 2 car gar & roof is 2yrs old.

Andrea Gordon.



Oakland \$699,000

Duplex in Bella Vista Hill. Close to transportation & freeway. Owner's unit: 2BR/1.5BA. New paint thru-out, good closet space, nice light, privt/secluded, set back from street.

958-960 Bayview Ave.
Open Sun 2-4:30
Andrea Gordon



Oakland \$895,000

2BR/1.5BA. Beautiful views. Marble entryway, glass shelving room dividers, LR w/ fp. Partial hwd flrs. FDR, excellent closet storage. 24 hour doorman service.

492 Staten Ave. #1202
Open Sun 2-4:30
Andrea Gordon



Alameda \$1,375,000

4BR/4BA. Stunning 1912 home on corner lot in Alameda's East end. Gorgeous kit & baths. Lovely details, tons of bonus space & 2 car garage.

3100 Lincoln Ave.
Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30
Andrea Gordon

Oakland \$808,000

Open

3BR/2BA. Price reduced. 3 bridge views, Kol pond, attractive landscaping, hwd flrs, large LR/DR combo w/fp. Gorgeous light thru-out & plenty of outdoor space. 2 car garage.

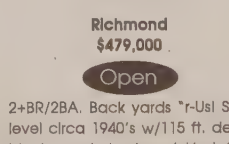
4797 Geranium Place
Open Sun 2-4:30
Andrea Gordon



Oakland \$499,000

1BR/1BA. 1 year old- better than a condo. Brown shingle home on wooded lot. Expansion plans to grow as you need more room.

6233 Oakdale
Open Sun 2-4:30
Mel Copland



Richmond \$479,000

Open

2+BR/2BA. Back yards "r-us! Split level circa 1940's w/115 ft. deep bkrd, veggie beds, sprinkled, fruit trees, deck. Move-in cond. Hwd flrs. Frplc. Remodeled baths, etc.

1465 San Joaquin
Open Sun 2-4:30
Nick Lavrov



Oakland \$785,000

Triplex. Priced slashed on this of flats and cottages! Clear and good candidate for conversion or TLC.

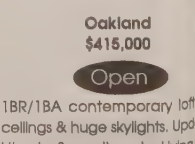
Anida Weyl



Oakland \$479,000

3BR/2BA. It's a "10". Crisp, bright & spacious condo in a building with low HOA.

1026 A. Alleen St.
Open Sun 2-5:00
Anida Weyl



Oakland \$415,000

Open

1BR/1BA contemporary loft ceilings & huge skylights. Upd kit cabs & granite cnts. Living & upstairs BR & 2nd upstairs bk area. Close to Emeryville shops.

3015 Myrtle St. #9
Open Sun 2-4:30
Rob Gomborg

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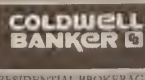
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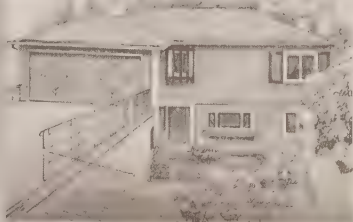
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6129 WOOD DR.

Piedmont side of Montclair. Parklike setting, underground utilities. 4 BD 3 BA Downstairs has a private entrance. Custom landscaped w/shaded nooks and a flagstone courtyard, hardwood floors, LR w/FP, new appliances, laundry and bonus rooms, minutes to village.
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OFFERED AT
\$1,195,000



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SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS

OPEN JULY 23RD 150N 1-5

3965 TURNLEY DR

ELEGANT SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN
with CURB APPEAL

Picture yourself here! Prepare to fall in love when you enter this charming home. The foyer greets you where you'll walk into a sunken living room with fireplace. Opposite is the formal dining leading to the large kitchen with breakfast bar, built-in seating and nook space, along with pantry area. Upstairs features 3 generous-size bedrooms and 2 full baths. One master suite and one bedroom have a veranda that overlooks the front garden. A downstairs area with plenty of extra space opens to the level backyard patio. Large additional non-conforming space makes this a desirable place to call home! SUCH A PRETTY HOME!

Offered at \$799,000



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6839 ELVERTON DRIVE

Fantastic Newer Construction—2003 Mediterranean with expansive views of SF Bay! With 5 bedrooms, 4+ baths and over 4000+sf, this home boasts a gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances, 2 master suites, 3 balconies, and high-quality finishes throughout.

OFFERED AT
\$1,999,000



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RECENTLY SOLD



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1099 LONGRIDGE ROAD

Beautiful 3 bedroom 2+ bath with fabulous yard

Sold for over the list price with 3 offers
OFFERED AT \$1,185,000



1084 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD

Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath and guest cottage

Sold well over the list price with 6 offers
OFFERED AT \$849,000



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OPEN HOMES



BERKELEY \$2,850,000
2331 CROZZY PEAK BLVD. SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 4.5 BA Dramatic European design
great views. Chef's kitchen. Sophisticated
details. Near Tilden Park
BARB ALLENDORF 510.486.1495

MONTCLAIR \$1,999,000
6839 ELVERTON DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 4.5 BA Gracious Mediterranean built
2003 w/4,000 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen/
family room, 2 masters, hwd floor, 3
balconies, library.
DAVID ECKERT 510.339.4700



PIEDMONT \$1,995,000
6210 MONTICELLO AVENUE SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA Architectural detail, 2
terraces, family room off kitchen, great
indoor-outdoor living.
DIAN HYMER 510.339.4700

RIDGEMONT \$1,850,000
3402 CAMPUS DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 5 BA New Pricel Unique custom
home. Chef's kit w/granite. Family room,
triples, deluxe master suite.
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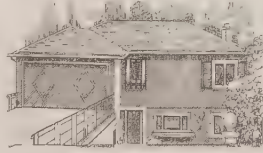
POINT RICHMOND \$1,675,000
118 GRANDVIEW COURT SUN 1:30 - 5
4 BR 2.5 BA Stunning views of Golden
Gate & S.F. Villa on secluded cul-de-sac.
Chef's kitchen & home office.
NANCY COPELAND 510.486.1495

MONTCLAIR \$1,595,000
68 TALLURIS AVENUE SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 5 BA Great setting & Bay views,
level yard, family & recreation rooms, plus
more, home office.
MARLENA S. LYONS 510.339.4700

LAUREMONT HILLS \$1,425,000
2448 CHARIOT CROSS RD. SUN 2 - 5
4 BR 3 BA 2002 city styled contemporary
great 3-car gar. Great kitchen-cherry,
granite, stainless steel, bar.
ELLEN LANCASTER 510.339.4700

OPEN HOMES

MONTCLAIR \$1,379,000
2110 ARROWHEAD DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA New construction w/all the
goodies. Gourmet kitchen w/stainless
steel, granite. Formal LR, DR, Master
suite.
DAVID ECKERT 510.339.4700



OAKLAND \$1,195,000
6129 WOOD DR. SUN 1 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA underground utils., park-like
setting, custom landscaping, hwd flrs,
fireplace & more!
TERRY ANTHONY 510.339.4700



PIEDMONT \$998,000
1025 OAKLAND AVE. SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Pride of ownership. Updated
stainless/granite kitchen. Large lovely
patio/garden. Stylish
BECKY ANDERSEN 510.339.4700

LAFAYETTE \$998,000
686 LOS PALOS DR. SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Burton Valley Rancher, Price
Reduced! Pool level lot, fam. rm., move-
in + potential. www.686LosPalosDr.com
RITA ZWERDLING 510.486.1495

CASTRO \$899,000
544 NOE STREET SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA Sophisticated condo with oak
floors, remodeled, garden, upgrades,
view, storage & parking!
KARA THACKER 510.339.4700



SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS \$799,000
3965 TURNLEY SUN 1 - 5
3 BR 3 BA Prepare to fall in love! Elegant
Spanish Mediterranean w/big kitchen,
level yard, sunken living rm.
DONNA CONROY 510.339.4700

HAYWARD \$789,000
26159 PARKSIDE DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious hrm w/grt light, lg
kit, family room w/FP, lg mstr bd w/
retreat, nice yd w/deck.
REVA TOLBERT 510.339.4700

OPEN HOMES

EL SOBRANTE \$739,000
895 BRIDGEWAY CIR. SUN 2 - 4
4 BR 3 BA Beautiful, vineyard and Calif
native plants, frpic. tile, w/w carpet, 2
decks w/views
PARVIZ BAGHERZADEH 510.486.1495

MARINA BAY/RICHMOND \$750,000
3 HARBORVIEW DR. SUN 1:30 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Bay views, cathedral ceilings,
fireplace, tile entry, Hunter Douglas
shutters throughout
GREGG LUSTIG 510.486.1495

MONTCLAIR \$699,000
2323 MASTLANDS DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA Nice San Francisco Bay
views. Gleaming hardwood floors, many
tasteful updates
PETER NICOLPOULOS 510.339.4700



LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$699,000
2836 ALIDA ST. SUN 2 - 5
2 BR 2 BA Mid-century fabulous featuring
sweeping views & central courtyard floor
plan. AMAZING!
RACHEL BALLER 510.339.4700

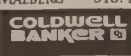
OAKLAND \$668,000
149 THOUSAND OAKS ST. SUN 2 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Chic townhome, updated
baths, new carpet, large yard, views
www.149ThousandOaksSt.com
WARREN LEI 510.486.1495



BERKELEY \$649,000
3234 BAKER ST. SUN 2 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Remodel, new foundation, 2
bedrooms have separate downstairs
entrance. About 1 mile to BART.
BARBARA LEVY 510.486.1495



HERCULES \$625,000
127 PINOLE ST. SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA On Nat'l Registry Historic
Places! Restored & renovated 2-story,
FDR, deck, garden, porch eat-in-kitchen,
charm!
MAXINE MALBERG 510.486.1495



OPEN HOMES

BERKELEY \$613,000
1634 GRANT AVE. SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
2+BR 1 BA Lovely Victorian cottage w/
FDR, office, French doors to deck and
Garden Tea House w/full bath!
CAROL GAMBLE 510.486.1495



BERKELEY \$599,000
1652 ASHBY AVE. SAT/SUN 1 - 4
3+ BR 1.5 BA 2-story gem! Fresh paint,
hwd flrs, ren. kit/baths, foundation 1998,
2 garages, 5 blocks Berk Bowl/BART
MAXINE MALBERG/
ANGELA CADOGAN 510.486.1495

PINOLE \$555,000
1561 KILDARE WAY SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Sunny & spacious, eat-in
kitchen, wood floors, fireplace, yard, 2-car
garage. Close to freeway & schools
DIANE SOUTHWORTH 510.486.1495

LEONA HEIGHTS \$543,000
4221 KNOLL AVE. SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA New Pricel American Dream
starter home. Move in condition.
Enjoyable upgrades.
JAMES BROWN 510.339.4700



MILLMONT \$529,000
3933 ARCHMONT PL. SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Cozy bungalow, expansive lot,
great location, master bedroom w/French
doors, serene yard.
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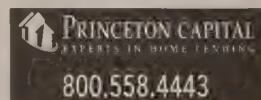
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pets, smoking, guests, use of common areas, entertaining and parking rules before they become an issue. Make your own list of house rules and have each tenant sign it.

Make sure you have emergency information on how to contact the tenant and next-of-kin. If the tenant is on vacation or ill, you may need to contact a family member immediately.

Introduce your tenant to other residents or the neighbors. Be on friendly terms with your neighbors and ask that they notify you if

anything is amiss at the rental unit.

A good relationship with your tenant will make the whole process easier, so try to have a positive attitude. You and the renter depend upon each other — aim for a positive relationship and handle any questions, repairs or disputes swiftly, efficiently and fairly.

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THE DETAILS

There are more than 115,000,000 housing units in the United States. Almost one third of all US housing is rented.

Sixty percent of US rental housing is owned by individual landlords. Almost 80 percent of all housing is detached single family homes.

Source: 2000 United States Census

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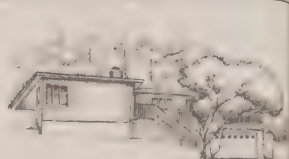
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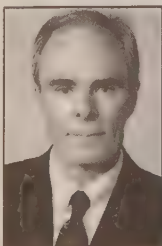
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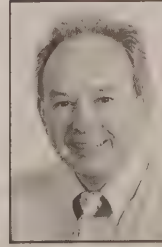
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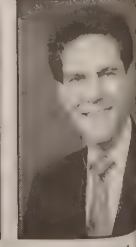
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A beautiful year-round solution for seasonal energy conservation

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According to the National Association of Home Builders, windows are one of the largest sources of heat loss in the winter to their low insulating ability and air leakage rates.

After cold outside and the warmth inside. These are the windows that need to be upgraded again. According to the National Association of Home Builders, windows are one of the largest sources of heat loss in the winter to their low insulating ability and air leakage rates. As a result, windows are typically net losers, and can be responsible for losing 25 to 50 percent of the energy used to heat a home.

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Massachusetts resident David says he saw a 20 percent reduction in his energy bill after installing Polywood interior shutters. In a state where winter temperatures regularly reach below freezing, conserving heat is a priority for most households.

Bottom line, Polywood shutters have been an amazing investment for our home," says David. "We have had them for the last two winters, and we spent much less on heating bills. Plus they are a beautiful addition to every room of the house — we even installed them in the basement windows."

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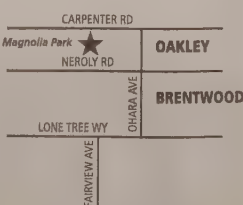
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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide starting on page B23.

Help prospective buyers picture themselves in your home

Between 2002 and 2003, more than 14 percent of the U.S. population changed dwellings. The most common reason for moving was the need for more space (43 percent). When you decide to put your house on the market, it's important that you present a spacious, clean living space in which prospective buyers can imagine themselves living.

A new Web site from The Home Depot, homedepotmoving.com, offers some general tips for preparing your house for sale and suggests taking a look at nine key areas when preparing your home to show prospective buyers. More tips on preparing your home for sale, including information on the return on investment (ROI) you can expect for various home improvements, can be found on the new Web site as well.

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General tips

- Clean everything thoroughly.
- Put out clean towels, new soap, a nice tablecloth and fresh flowers.
- Don't be at home during a showing or open house.
- If you do stay, be polite, but let your real estate agent do the talking.
- Don't apologize for the condition of your home.
- Make sure your kids and pets are out of the house.
- Eliminate clutter from all areas of your home to create an impression of spaciousness and plentiful storage space.
- Nothing makes a home look new more quickly than a fresh coat of paint. Neutral colors suggest newness and cleanliness.

Key areas

Storage: One of the first things a buyer looks at in a home is the storage it offers. A general rule of thumb for sellers is to take out half of what's in the closets and storage areas to make them look more spacious. Remove excess furniture to make rooms seem as spacious as possible. Consider throwing out, donating, selling or storing things you no longer want. Make sure that storage areas in your basement, attic or garage also are well organized, thus giving prospective buyers the impression that there is room for all of their belongings.

Kitchen: Ask home buyers what area or room of the home they consider most important, and chances are they'll say the kitchen. When prospective buyers look at your kitchen, they will pay particular attention to its cleanliness, layout and storage capacity.

If major appliances are being sold with the home, make sure they are spotless, odor-free and in good working condition. Polish chrome surfaces and fix any leaky faucets, loose cabinet hardware, drawer handles and outdated or inefficient

light fixtures. Make more efficient use of drawers and cabinets with dividers and cutlery trays.

Walls: Repair any cracks or holes in the walls and ceiling and repaint if necessary. Strip outdated wallpaper.

Windows: Clean interior and exterior windows and screens. Repair cracked panes, torn screens, broken sashes and ropes or cords as well. When your home is being shown, open your curtains to let daylight in, especially if the view is noteworthy. While you're at it, wash all the mirrors in the house too, and launder or dry-clean your curtains and drapes.

Floors: Carpeting has a major impact on the look of a home. Prior to showing your home to prospec-

tive buyers, vacuum thoroughly or have carpets steam-cleaned. If the carpet is badly worn, outdated or stained, consider having it replaced despite the expense. Check wood floors to see if they need to be refinished. Scrub and wax tile floors and repair or replace cracked tiles.

Lighting: Make sure light fixtures, switches, switchplates and outlet covers are clean and in good working order.

Paint: It's true that first impressions are often lasting so take a good look at the paint on the outside of your house. Is it cracking, peeling or chipping? If it is, a fresh coat for your exterior may cost you a bit of time and money but may elevate your home from "fixer-upper" to "move-in condi-

tion." If you decide your home needs painting, choose colors that are appropriate for the style of your home and that blend in well with your neighborhood.

Roof: Buyers will pay close at-

tention to the condition of your roof. You should re-patch or re-shingle where necessary, and fix leaky, corroded downspouts and gutters. Inside, a watermarked ceiling is a sign to buyers that the roof has leaked

— even if the damage is paired.

Entry: A neat and way creates a positive slon, and a freshly painted trim with sturdy hand welcome touch. Rep house numbers with Make sure the doorb ing order.

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Ten key questions to ask when interviewing realty agents

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If you are thinking of taking advantage of the current excellent home market in most communities, the best time of the year to sell your house or condo because the prospective buyers are in the market at that time in most areas). Of course, the first step to a successful house or condo sale is to get your property into its best physical condition. Painting, cleaning, and repairing will usually pay off with thousands of extra profit dollars. Look at your home with very critical eyes. If you were a buyer, what do you notice which would discourage you from making a purchase offer?

Then either solve that problem, or you can't afford to do so, be prepared to discount the sales price accordingly. For example, suppose your walls to wall carpets are worn and need replacement. But you just can't afford new carpets now. Then you can next best thing by getting cleaned and realize those worn carpets will discourage some prospective buyers.

However, avoid major home renovations just before selling. It could be a waste of money, especially if a prospective buyer doesn't like your taste.

Just get your house into its best physical condition, especially the kitchen and bathrooms (the most important rooms) without incurring major expenses. The second step to a successful sale is to select your area's most successful realty agent to professional-market your home. Unfortunately, this task is not easy. Even if you think you can sell your home without a professional agent, an interview at least three agents will show you the value of their services. They won't mind giving you their presentations and answering questions. The reason is most home sellers eventually hire a professional agent within 60 days. The agents you interview know you are likely to call on those professionals when you need expert help.

Here are the key questions to ask a realty agent interviewed. Of course, the best agents will anticipate your question during their list presentation (which shouldn't take more than an hour):

—How much can you get for my house? The best agents will prepare a written CMA (comparative market analysis) form to anticipate your question. This written form will include (a) recent sales prices of comparable nearby homes; (b) asking prices of similar neighborhood homes for sale (your competition); and (c) recently expired listing prices for homes that didn't sell.

Thanks to computers, competent agents can often prepare your CMA within an hour, including photographs. If an agent refuses to show you their CMA with you to study, the agent doesn't trust you. You should ask the agent's CMA to compare with others to be certain you are being misled into underpricing or overpricing your home.

—What are the names, addresses and phone numbers of the five most recent home sellers within an hour, including photographs in their listing presentation? Before signing a listing with any agent, contact their recent sellers to find out in any way unhappy you are and would you list your house for sale again with the agent?

—How long have you been selling homes in this area? are you a full-time agent? What professional courses and designations have you completed? Just because an agent is a beginner, that's not necessarily bad. He or she will probably have more time to devote to selling your home than an "old pro" who carries many listings.

—What is your minimum listing fee? The correct answer is \$0. Be wary if an agent insists on a monthly listing unless that listing is an unconditional cancellation after 90 days.

—What is your argument of agents doing long listings is to show you the average number of days the local multiple listing service (MLS) says it takes to sell homes in your area. Your reply should be, "I don't want an average agent. Aren't you above average?"

—How many listings do you have now? do you have an office? What percentage of listings sold in the last 12 months? Watch out for a "numbers game." These are agents who have a lot of listings and one or two of them sell. They work on percentages, knowing a certain percent of listings will sell so they want to list as many as possible.



ROBERT BRUSS

If you list your home for sale with a "numbers agent," be sure it won't get neglected. For example, the most

successful listing agent in my town has 10 assistants. Maybe that is why he is the top sales agent in the entire county. 6 — What sales commission rate do you charge? Most realty agents will tell you the "standard commission" is 6 percent (or 7 percent). But Real Trends (Dallas, TX), in a recent study, reports the average nationwide sales commission is

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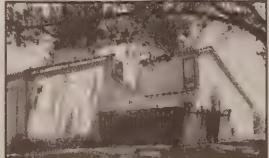
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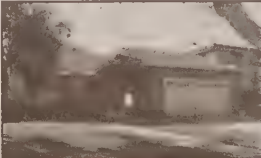
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5.1 percent. However, that includes sales commissions paid to so-called cut-rate or discount brokerages which often provide less than full service.

The higher the market value of your home the greater the probability the listing agent will negotiate your sales commission rate downward. That's why you want to interview at least three successful local agents to compare their commissions and services included.

Also, you might be able to negotiate a lower sales commission rate if the listing agent locates the buyer for your home without having to split the commission with another agent. In real estate talk, it's called having both ends of the sale.

Many realty agents have flexible commission rates. To illustrate, one agent in my community lists homes at a 6 percent commission rate. But if he locates the buyer without another agent's participation, then he reduces his commission to 4 percent. That's 1 percent higher than he would usually earn if another agent obtains the buyer.

7 — What is your marketing plan and what services will you provide? This question is closely related to the sales commission rate. The best full service agents will prepare a written list of all their marketing services.

Some agents will just provide minimum service, such as placing your listing into the local MLS. Please be aware the MLS is the most powerful sales tool realty agents have. In

addition, most MLS listings now automatically go on the Realtor.com Web site.

According to the National Association of Realtors, more than 70 percent of today's home buyers begin their quest on the Internet, usually at www.realtor.com. For this reason, it is essential to have your home listing in the local MLS and on this Web site.

In addition, the best agents also have their individual Web sites, will agree in writing to a minimum newspaper and home sales magazine advertising schedule for your residence, will hold tours for their office col-

leagues and realty agents with other local firms (a listing agent who provides light snacks to agents usually assures a good turnout), hold at least one hosted weekend open house every month, and print color brochures for agents and prospective buyers (Ask to see samples).

If a listing agent won't commit in writing to spending at least a few hundred dollars to properly market your home, to earn several thousand dollars in sales commission, that agent hasn't earned your listing.

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pay the sales commission to lower my asking price and reduce my capital gains? — **Morgan G.**

Dear Morgan: The federal capital gains tax rate is currently 15 percent maximum. In addition, don't forget any applicable state tax. You should add the cost of capital improvements you made to your purchase price.

To illustrate, if you paid \$250,000 for the house, and you made \$50,000 of capital improvements, your adjusted cost basis is therefore \$300,000.

If you ask your buyer to pay the sales commission, you are in a severe disadvantage compared to other home-sale listings, thus reducing your capital gains.

For example, if your home price is \$600,000 and your percent sales commission is only \$564,000. For more information, please consult your tax advisor.

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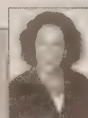


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Other than yourself, who best real estate agent in this Don't hesitate to ask what the you're interviewing thinks of some agents on your interview may agents will evasively say, "I don't have any competition." The best agents will honestly answer your question.

Is my home ready to sell? Do you have suggestions to better prepare it to earn top dollar? Agents will want to avoid anything this key question until after your listing. But you need the answer before signing with an agent who might be to be "difficult" if you won't certain changes.

current trend is for listing agents "homes for sale. In extreme they will recommend the seller

remove their furnishings and rent more appropriate furniture (at the seller's expense).

The goal is to turn your residence into a "model home" so buyers can visualize how nice it can be. Staging costs usually pay off in a higher sales price so don't resent this suggestion.

10 — Should my home be sold "as is"? Most states now require home sellers to fill out a disclosure statement listing any known residence defects that materially affect the market value. This procedure avoids after-sale lawsuits if the buyer was informed of all defects.

In addition, some realty agents and real estate attorneys advise selling "as is." The home seller must still disclose known defects but will not pay for any repairs.

Older homes are often sold "as is," especially when the residence needs repairs or updating which the seller prefers not to make.

For example, a house two blocks

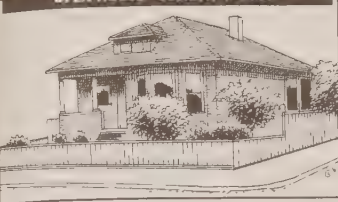
from mine recently sold "as is." Before moving in, the buyer is having a new roof installed, is re-landscaping, and will probably remodel the interior. The result is the seller was satisfied with a fair price and the buyer can fix up the house the way he wants it.

Each agent should be asked his/her opinion on whether the home should be sold "as is." Some agents feel "as is" sales greatly hurt marketability whereas other agents encourage "as is" sales to discourage after-sale litigation.

Conclusion

Selecting the best agent to list your home for sale and asking the right questions are key components to a successful sale for top dollar during the fall "second best" home sales season of the year. By asking the right questions explained above, plus any others you want answered, you will maximize the probability of a successful home sale.

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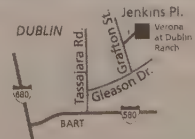
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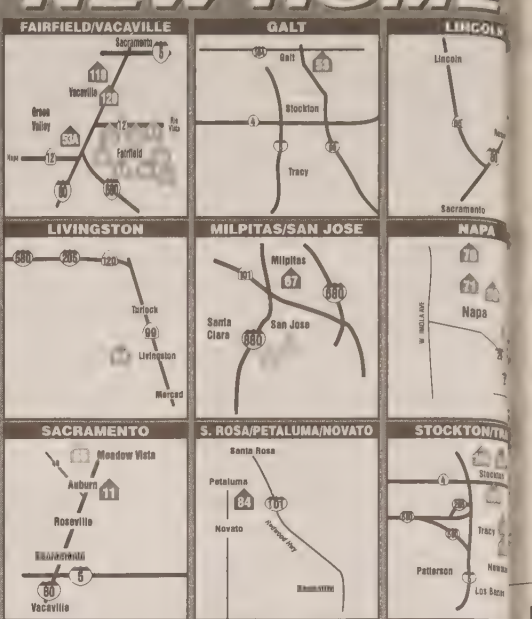
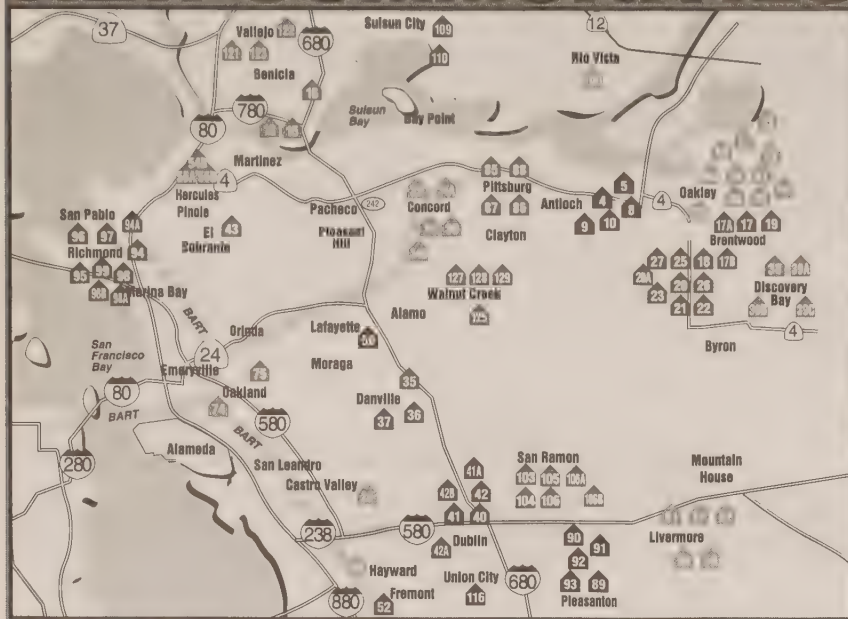
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46 ARIA - From the \$500,000s. Final sales release. Rediscover artistic approach to homebuilding w/2 custom color palettes. Offer built to 7 bed, 2,900 to 3,565 sf, and views of the surrounding natural beauty. 707-864-1585. www.clavationhomes.com

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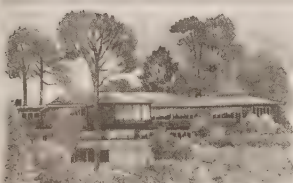


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Maxwell Park. Light-filled, updated bungalow with character! 2BR/1BA, refin. hwd floors, remodeled eat-in kitchen with Mexican paver tile floor, new maple cabinets and granite countertop, updated tile BA, covered deck and large level bkyd with fruit trees, large basement for possible bonus room-great for art or music studio. 2-car garage. www.2900Maxwell.com

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Maxwell Park. Stylish and charming Spanish style, 2BR/1BA with gorgeous refin. hwd floors, spacious living room with vaulted ceiling and elegant fireplace, updated kitchen with sunny breakfast room, remodeled tile bath with granite countertop vanity, private bkyd with brick patio and serene fountain, 2-car detached garage. www.5401Fleming.com

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389 BELMONT STREET #307 \$479,000
Adams Point. Lovely 2BR/2BA separate suites, in unit laundry, new granite counters in kit, new flooring and fixtures. Dual pane windows, and wood burning fireplace. Near car-pooling, shops, Lake Merritt, theatre and all public transportation

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1241 HOMESTEAD AVENUE #221 \$299,000
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NINE UNITS \$895,000
Fruitvale. Generates \$9k/yr. Store, four-1BR's, separate meters. Priced to sell 7% CAP.

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TRANQUIL RETREAT WITH STUNNING VIEWS \$835,000
Montclair. Level in 3BR/2BA with family room that can be master suite, level front yard, bay-bridge, S.F. views

Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

HEART OF FERNSIDE \$799,000
Alameda. Split-level Rancher. Very spacious 3BR/2.5BA with eat-in kitchen, family room, newly finished hardwood floors throughout. New paint, clear pest. Best schools.

Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

TOTALLY UPDATED \$660,000
Oakland. This 3BR/1.5BA home, with living room, updated kitchen, finished basement with bar, potential for a fourth bedroom, and hardwood floors is a must see

Teri L. Lester 531-7000 x262

TRIPLEX ON SHATTUCK AVE. \$649,000
Oakland. 3BR/2BA remodeled unit over 2-1BR/1BA. Two story 1910 bldg with box beam ceilings, built-in buffets and nice details. Income \$35,800/yr.

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WONDERFUL RENOVATION \$639,000
Redwood Heights. Nearly everything new. 2BR/1BA, living room, dining room and family room combination. Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors throughout, new bath, deck to level yard, one car garage and basement.

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

EXCELLENT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN NEW CHINATOWN \$499,000
Oakland. Adorable duplex has two-1BR/1BA apartments. One side is vacant and move-in ready. There is a porch overlooking a shared backyard and a large unfinished basement.

Beth DeAtley 531-7000 x234

TWO UNITS \$489,000
Rodeo. Both remodeled 2BR's approximately 1,000 sqft each, garage, driveway, yard space and view of Bay.

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NOW A \$15,000 PRICE REDUCTION \$479,999
Antioch. Remember this fabulous 3BR/2BA single story home featuring a gourmet kitchen? Now Reduced! View photo's online at www.rockridgedigs.com.

Elisa Uribe 531-7000 x272

OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPANSION \$425,000
Oakland. 2BR/1BA, 1910 beauty with updated kitchen and bath, coved ceilings. Lovely, level backyard. Huge basement for expansion. Needs work, sold "As-Is."

Don Dunning 531-7000 x239

LAND FOR SALE

COMMERCIAL LAND \$2,211,000
Corning, CA. Perfect for 1031 exchange buyer. Off I-5 near Redding. Utilities on site with 3 homes!

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OUTSTANDING, LEVEL BUILDING PAD \$875,000
Montclair. Located in Montclair's most prestigious new neighborhood

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ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES \$650,000
Upper Rockridge. This 24,351 sqft parcel is located between ST Theresa's and the First Church of Religious Science

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ALMOST LEVEL LOT \$595,000
Montclair. Zoned R30. 9500+sqft

Michael Childress 530-4166

DR APPROVED PLANS \$488,000
Montclair. For 4,000 sqft home. Level front yard and quality architecture makes this property unique opportunity

Gerald Cheney 540-8566

LOOK AT THIS! \$485,000
Skyline. Great downslope with views and approved Design Review plans, current survey, topo and soils reports. View at www.ElvertonLot.com.

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DR APPROVED PLANS \$429,000
Montclair. Soils, topo and a super high-end neighborhood will generate quality lifestyle or impressive profits

Gerald Cheney 540-8566

FRUITVALE AVENUE LOT \$425,000
Fruitvale. Apprx. 5500 sqft and level. Zoned R60. Utilities in street. Excellent location near International Blvd. Open to offer

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

TRESTLE GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD \$395,000
Trestle Glen. One of the few lots left in prestigious Trestle Glen/Upper Lakeshore area. Nearly level, easy pad, utilities in street. Open to offer

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

1/2 ACRE IN ANTIOCH \$389,000
Antioch. Zoned high density, residential -possible 15 units.

Gerald Cheney 540-8566

LEAST EXPENSIVE BAY VIEW LOT \$375,000
Lincoln Heights. Best price for a SF and bay view lot in Oakland! Utilities in street, gentle downslope. Open to offer

Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME \$350,000
Upper Rockridge. There are very few lots left in this neighborhood. This downslope lot is over 6400 sqft. It is between 4901 and 4915 Harbord Dr

Kevin P. Kennedy 531-7000 x204

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME \$189,000
Montclair. Upslope lot in quiet area in Montclair. Over 12,000sqft. Nice building pad, no plans yet.

Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261

MAXWELL PARK LOT \$170,000
Maxwell Park. Easterly facing upslope overlooking Mills College. Utilities in street. Soil report available.

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TWO MONTCLAIR LOTS \$125,000
Montclair. Contiguous. Upslope near Thordale School.

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FOUR CONTIGUOUS UPSLOPE LOTS
Piedmont Pines. Two lots have approved Design Review plans and submission for permits. Each lot with Design Review plans is offered at \$320K. The two lots which have topo, survey and soils reports are offered at \$187,500ea. The owner will continue to develop plans for each of these lots and will adjust the price upward as development progresses.

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Alameda				Alameda				Antioch				Berkeley				Hayward			
\$487,500	2101 Shoreline Drive	461	2 BD/1.5 BA	\$755,000	609 Baywood Rd	4 BD/2.5 BA	\$575,000	3125 Almondridge Dr	4bd/2.5ba	\$1,095,000	2609 College Ave.	5BD/3BA	\$799,000	26159 Parkside					
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30	South Shore	510-814-4832		Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4709/814-4821	Open Sun 2-5	810-372-0243	810-372-0243	Open Sun 2-4:30	Elmwood	510-338-1394	Open Sun 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker					
Harbor Bay Realty		Dania Alvarez		Harbor Bay Realty/Marilyn Schumacher/Elaine Millin			Security Pacific		Kola Olagundoye	Pacific Union Residential	Dan Joy		Open Sun 2-4	28836 Bailey Ranch Rd					
\$499,000	2101 Shoreline Dr. #465	510-508-7959		\$759,000	1005 Island Drive	4BD/2BA				\$1,195,000	2614 Etna St.	5BD/3.5BA	\$1,399,000	28836 Bailey Ranch Rd					
Sat & Sun 2-4				Sun 1-3		415-572-8759				Open Sat & Sun 1-4	Elmwood	925-899-9499	Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker Bartels					
Alameda Realty		Carol Burnett		Kane & Associates		Sharon Alva				Prudential California Realty	Chris Anderson								
\$519,000	1150 Bismarck Ln		3 BD/1.5 BA	\$759,000	301 Ratto Rd	3 BD/2 BA	\$399,000	771 San Luis Rd	1bd/1ba	\$1,195,000	7030 Buckingham Blvd.	3+BD/3BA							
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-522-7173		Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-814-4824	Open Sun 2-4	Berkeley Hills	510-834-2010	Open 2-5	Claremont Hills	925-253-6203							
Harbor Bay Realty		George Williams		Harbor Bay Realty		Darin Vinnall	\$379,000	3116 Ellis C	1BD/1BA	Pacific Union GMAC	Julie Nachtwy								
\$525,000	3207 Phoenix Ln		3 BD/1.5 BA	\$768,000	311 Laguna Vista	2 BD/2 BA	Open Sun 1-5	Lawton Associates	510-547-5970 x61	\$1,200,000	2510 Warring	7+BD/3BA							
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4842		Sun 2-4	East End	510-522-9600	Open Sun 2-4	2018 9th St. #F	2bd/1ba	Open 2-4:30	Claremont	925-251-6203							
Harbor Bay Realty		Coly Young		Harbor Bay Realty		Izabella Lipetski	\$399,000	Maison Nouveau	510-849-9900	Pacific Union Residential	Leslie Easterday								
\$540,000	3269 Cape Cod Ct.		2 BD/2 BA	\$775,000	898 Union St.	3BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4	3117 College Ave #1	1bd/1ba	\$1,399,000	266 Hillcrest Road	5BD/3BA							
Sat & Sun 2-4	Ravens Cove	510-748-1121		Kane & Associates	John McNulty / Denise Brady	510-508-1215 / 523-8886	Maison Nouveau	Rockridge/Elmwood	510-916-6497	Open Sun 1-4	Wildermer Real Estate	Peter Fletcher							
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.		Angela McIntyre		\$779,000	2911 Santa Clara Ave	2 BD/1 BA	\$399,000	2724 Garber St. #A	2bd/1ba	\$1,428,000	7723 Claremont Ave.	4 BD/3.5 BA							
\$555,000	1140 Verdemar Dr		3 BD/2.5 BA	Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4810	Open Sun 2-4:30	Thornwall Properties	510-717-7099	Open 2-5	Claremont Hills	925-251-6203							
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4841		Harbor Bay Realty		Jane Friedrich	\$442,000	2724 Garber St. #A	2bd/1ba	Sat 3-6 & Sun 2-6	Claremont Hills	925-251-6203							
Harbor Bay Realty		Tom Young		\$788,000	2138 Enclinal Ave.	2 homes on 1 lot	Open Sun 2-4	Elmwood	510-849-9900	Exit Realty Carson									
\$559,000	1119 College Ave		3 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Two 2 bd/1 ba	510-523-1115	\$455,000	910 Colusa Ave #1	1bd/1ba	\$1,650,000	20 Hillcrest Rd	4+BD/4+BA							
Harbor Bay Realty		Steve Sorensen		Property Investment Svcs.		Victor Jin	Open Sun 2-4	1010-2424	510-410-2424	Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont	510-662-2133							
\$565,000	389 Anchor Way		2 BD/2 BA	\$789,000	172 Purcell Dr	3 BD/2.5 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Wildermer Real Estate	Denise Milburn	\$1,850,888	1071 Cragmont Ave	4bd/3+ba							
Sun 1-3	Ravens Cove	510-748-1171		Sat/Sun 2-4	Harbor Bay Isle	510-749-9866/769-1680	\$465,000	2327 9th Street	3BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens R.E.	Todd Hodson/Ron Egherman							
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.		Steve DiGiulio		Harbor Bay Realty		Chuck & Nancy Bianchi	\$469,000	1735 Spruce St #1	2bd/1ba	\$1,850,888	2630 Cedar Street	5BD/3BA							
\$569,000	1716 Walnut St.		2+BD/1 BA	\$793,000	2719 Calhoun	3 BD/2 BA	Open Sun 2-4	1735 Spruce St #1	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sarah Schlier							
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-882-2215 / 506-3383		Sat & Sun 2-4		510-865-2800	Open Sun 2-4:30	Elmwood	510-280-2120	Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley	510-652-2133							
Kane & Associates		Agnes Wu / Kathy Rath		Kane & Associates		Lisa Lawley	Open Sun 2-5	1735 Spruce St #1	2bd/1ba	\$1,295,000	541Vistamont Avenue	3BD/2BA							
\$569,000	801 Central Ave.		2 BD/1 BA	\$798,000	2837 Marina Dr.	2 BD/1.5 BA	Red Oak Realty	2632 Warring Street #6	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens R.E.	Todd Hodson/Ron Egherman							
Sat & Sun 2-4	Central Alameda	510-748-1172		Sun 2-4		510-523-5348	\$475,000	2632 Warring Street #6	2BD/1BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont	510-486-1495							
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.		Lainie Acacio		Kane & Associates		Dede Cunningham	Open Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30	2632 Warring Street #6	2BD/1BA	Coldwell Banker	Barb Allendorf								
\$574,000	3027 Linda Vista		3 BD/2.5 BA	\$799,000	1635 Buena Vista Ave.	4BD/3 BA	Coldwell Banker	1849 Shattuck Ave #402	1+BD/1BA	\$2,890,000	85 Gravatt Drive	5BD/4.5BA							
Sun 2-4	Casitas@Bay Farm Isl.	510-522-6749		Sun 2-4		510-466-1561	Open Sun 1-4	1849 Shattuck Ave #402	1+BD/1BA	\$2,890,000	85 Gravatt Drive	5BD/4.5BA							
Centennial Real Estate		Linda Larkin		Kane & Associates		Luisa Marin	\$525,000	1207 Russell St	2bd/1ba	\$550,000	2823 Sydney	3BD/1BA							
\$575,000	1033 Kingston		2 BD/2 BA	\$799,000	1715 High St.	3+ BD/2 BA	Open Sun 2-4	1207 Russell St	2bd/1ba	Open 1-4	Pacific Union Residential	Rich Gould							
Sun 2-4:30		510-847-2638 / 919-2876		Sat & Sun 2-4	East End	510-748-1108	Open Sun 2-4:30	2533 Ridge Rd #A	2bd/1ba	\$649,000	1736 Grove Way	3 BD/1.5 BA							
BaySide Real Estate		Phillip Kaake / Diana Wyman		Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.		Bill & Griselda Bissett	\$540,000	No. Campus	510-507-6050	Sat & Sun 1-4	United Brokers	510-346-4112							
\$575,000	1618 St. Charles		2+BD/1 BA	\$799,000	1824 Harvard	3BD/2.5BA	\$544,000	1144 Addison	2BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 2-4	Upper Valley	510-339-9290							
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Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.		Darlene Gardner		Wells & Bennett Realtors		Mary Neuberger	Open Sun 2-4	1144 Addison	2BD/1.5BA	Open Sun 1-4	Prudential Montclair	Andrea Fortner							
\$575,000	3043 Linda Vista		3 BD/2.5 BA	\$799,000	3242 Bayo Vista Ave	3 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1144 Addison	2BD/1.5BA	\$1,200,000	3048 Todd St	4bd/3.5ba							
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4861		Sun 2-4	East End	510-814-4818	\$519,000	466 Crescent Street 315	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair Better Homes	Ken Nwokodi							
Harbor Bay Realty		Susan Battaglia		Harbor Bay Realty		Steve Cressy	Open Sun 2-4	466 Crescent Street 315	3BD/2BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	Dublin								
\$575,000	3334 Cook Lane		2 BD/2 BA	\$819,000	1534 Sherman St	3 BD/2.5 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	466 Crescent Street 315	3BD/2BA	\$545,000	7827 Tuscany Drive	3BD/2BA							
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-7636		Sun 2-4	West End	510-814-4838	\$550,000	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	\$599,000	862 Balra Dr	2bd/1ba							
Broadway Real Estate		Greg and Tina Koubek		Harbor Bay Realty		Barbara Bolton/Bill Douglas	Open Sun 2-4	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 1-4	El Cerrito Hills	510-845-0211							
\$579,000	1115 Buena Vista Ave		2BD/1BA	\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
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Alameda Realty		Carol Burnett		\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
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Harbor Bay Realty		Tim Marr/Mark Playsted		\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
\$589,000	1123 Bismarck Lane		3BD/2.5BA	\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
Open Sun 2-4:30	Bay Farm Is.	510-531-7006 x258		\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Catherine Vallee		\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
\$589,000	1037 Camino Del Valle		4 BD/2.5 BA	\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
Sun 2-4	Bay Farm Island	510-814-4822		\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1ba	Open Sun 2-4:30	1530 Liberty St	3bd/1ba							
Harbor Bay Realty		Jean Powers		\$820,000	1401 St. Charles St.	2 BD/1 BA	Open Sun 2-4:30	1234 Burnett St	2bd/1</										

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5401 Fleming Avenue	2BD/1BA
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Kate Phillips	
6233 Oakdale Avenue	1BD/1BA
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720 58th St	3bd/1ba
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2608 Wallace St	2 BD/1 BA
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San Antonio	
3030 Martin Luther King Way	4bd/1.5ba
510-851-6627	
Shirley Covington	
320 Caldecott Ln. #129	2BD/2BA
510-510-5009/846-4181	
Sally Han/Liz Kane	
2900 Maxwell Avenue	2BD/1.5BA
510-531-7000 x228	
Kate Phillips	
320 Caldecott Ln	2bd/2ba
510-339-4000	
Michael Harding	
6600 Outlook Avenue	2BD/1BA
510-339-4700	
Donna Conroy	
3056 Blossom St	3bd/1.5ba
510-292-2034	
David Valdez	
8342 Ney Ave	3bd/1ba
510-339-8400	
Wilbert Ross Jr	
3870 Magee Ave	2bd/1ba
510-280-2162	
Saraya Motley	
3933 Archmont Place	3BD/2BA
510-339-4700	
Nayo Family Partners	
3948 Patterson Avenue	2BD/1BA
510-338-1366	
Joanna Hirsch	
4817 Walnut St	2+bd/1ba
510-917-6497	
Kathryn Hill	
850 W. MacArthur	4bd/1.5ba
510-339-8400	
Gayle Smith	
4415 Brookdale Ave	2bd/1ba
510-339-9290	
Katie O'Shea	
454 38th Street	2BD/2BA
510-339-0400	
Anne Van Dyke	
3687 Madrone Ave	2+bd/1ba
510-339-9290	
Victi Landes	
3826 Lincoln Ave.	2 BD/1 BA
510-522-4449	
San Antonio	
4221 Knoll Ave.	510-339-4700
James Brown	
1469 56th Ave.	3 BD/1 BA
510-748-1166	
Rolando & Coqui Basora	
25 Rio Vista Ave	2bd/1ba
510-917-6497	
Kathryn Hill	
4538 Reinhardt Dr	2bd/1ba
510-339-9290	
Lisa Friedman	
7968 Sunkist Dr	3BD/1BA
510-568-7300	
Adam Watts	
3058 Enos	2+BD/1BA
510-338-1309	
Lee Jacobson	
615 62nd St	2bd/1ba
510-834-2010	
Ming Zhou	
3706 Hillview St	2+bd/1+ba
510-339-9290	
David Otero	

3832 Monticello Avenue	3BD/1BA
510-531-7000x277	
Maxwell Park	510-531-7000x277
Wellis & Bennett Realtors	Anne Manley
2250 Lakeshore #7	2bd/2ba
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair	Mark C. Ross
964 Alma Place	2+BD/1+BA
510-339-0400	
Crocker Highlands	Anthony Riggins
1673 Miami Ct	2bd/1ba
510-882-3558	
Red Oak Realty	Jose Fernandez
3887 Coolidge Ave	2bd/1ba
510-595-7699	
Prudential Montclair	Dave Higgins
7949 Greenly Drive	2BD/2BA
510-899-8000	
Alain Pinel Realtors	Lydia Puller
4526 Pampas Ave	3bd/1ba
510-339-8400	
Laurel Upper	Nader Davari
1520 89th Ave	3bd/2ba
510-322-1330	
A & C Best R.E. Group	Malaka Best
3701 Midvale Ave	2BD/1BA
510-451-7317 x18	
Valva Realty Co.	Mike Bresso
2944 58th Ave	2bd/1ba
510-299-3097	
New Spring R.E.	Jimmy Halloran
3460 Laguna Ave	2bd/1ba
510-774-5234	
Katie Lederer	
3738 Laguna Ave.	2 BD/1 BA
510-482-9929	
FSBO, HOA	Owner, Paulette
659 Alleen St	2bd/1ba
510-697-8079	
Red Oak Realty	Tim Cassidy
1639 11th Ave	4bd/2ba
510-428-0900	
Prudential Piedmont	Kathy Diltner
311 4th St. #123	LOFT
510-748-1121	
Joanna Hirsch	Angela McIntyre
3826 Aqua Vista St.	2+BD/1 BA
510-414-0195	
Maxwell Park area	Carol Kennedy
4727 Davenport Ave.	3 BD/2 BA
510-346-4112	
United Brokers	Tere Lee
486 Cheney Avenue	3BD/1BA
510-339-0400	
Grand Lake	Bettina Balestrieri
7192 Saroni Drive	3BD/2BA
510-531-7000 x270	
Wellis & Bennett Realtors	Antoine Pinson
54 Linda Ave	1BD/1BA
510-338-1383	
Pacific Union Residential	Sheila Gallagher
671 66th St	3bd/1ba
510-280-2140	
Red Oak Realty	Barbara Hendrickson
1371 Holman	2BD/1BA
510-338-1378	
Crocker Highlands	Jackie Care
217 Capricorn Ave	3bd/1ba
510-339-8301	
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand
2039 E. 28th St	5bd/4ba
510-376-8466	
Prudential Berkeley	Parrish
442 43rd St	2+BD/2BA
510-338-1314	
Temescal	Sandl Klemmer
580 66th St	BD/-BA
925-330-4911	
Keller Williams Realty	Victoria Addison
149 Thousand Oaks St	3BD/2.5BA
510-486-1495	
Open Sun 2-4	Warren Lei
1397 Barrows Rd	2BD/1BA
510-338-1319	
Crocker Highlands	Ann Nichols
311 Oak St. PH7	2BD/2BA
510-708-8148	
Jack London Square	Dana Dworin
4187 Emerald St.	3BD/1BA
510-290-1122	
Temescal	Mary Burns
565 Bellevue #2106	2BD/2BA
510-409-9503	
Lake Merritt	Dave Murphy
10701 Fallbrook Way	1BD/1.5BA
510-339-0400	
Chabot Highlands	Hope Broderick
4400 Terrabella Pl	3+bd/2.5ba
510-339-9290	
Redwood Heights	Rick Richetta
2503 Harrington Ave	3+bd/3+ba
510-339-0400	
Allendale	Seki Chikami
7749 Sunkist	5bd/3ba
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair	Myrtye Wong
4015 Whittle Ave	3bd/1ba
510-868-1487	
Prudential Berkeley	Barbara Reynolds
848 61st. Street	2+BD/2.5BA
510-839-4737	
S. Parrott Broker	
1121 Trestle Glen Road	2BD/1BA
510-339-0400	
Crocker Highlands	Adam Betta
2323 Mastlands	4bd/3.5BA
510-339-4700	
Wellis & Bennett Realtors	Peter Nicolopoulos
2836 Alida St	2BD/2BA
510-339-4700	
Lincoln Heights	Rachel Baller
3900 Robley Ter	2+bd/1ba
510-380-6017	
Piedmont Ave	George West
5321 MacArthur Blvd.	4+BD/3BA
510-338-1307	
Mills College	Jeffrey Himmel
958-960 Bayview Ave	2 Units
510-421-6818	
Bella Vista	Andrea Gordon
10 Elysian Pl	3BD/2BA
510-338-1374	
Sequoyah Heights	Donna DeBaral
3660 Calafia Ave	3bd/2.5ba
510-339-4000	
Temescal	Ken Nwokedi
41st St. and Shafter Ave.	3 BD/3.5 BA
510-238-9111 x12	
Elwood Commercial RE	Barbara Kaml
41st St. and Shafter Ave.	3 BD/3.5 BA
510-238-9111 x12	
Elwood Commercial RE	Barbara Kaml
4391 Terrabella Place	3BD/2.5BA
510-339-0400	
Oakland Hills	Sherry Benninger
4409 Arcadia Ave	2+bd/2ba
510-339-8400	
Oakland Hills	Patricia Bennett
4867 Reinhardt	3bd/2.5ba
510-834-2010	
Redwood Heights	Henriette Lanier-Green
5707 Ayala St	3bd/1.5ba
510-485-0211	
Redwood Heights	Jeff Roberts

13031 Brookpark	3BD/2BA
510-338-1334	
Pacific Union Residential	Victi Woodhead
1421 Barrows Rd	3BD/1BA
510-338-1385	
Crocker Highlands	Jeffrey Neldeman
4429 Park Blvd	3bd/2ba
510-280-2166	
Red Oak Realty	Julie Cuellas
4548 Fieldbrook	4bd/3ba
510-526-5720	
Redwood Heights	Monica Rohrer
4745 Lincoln Ave	3bd/2ba
510-845-0211	
Lincoln Heights	Cindy Fleming
5198 Saddle Brook Dr.	3BD/2BA
510-339-0400	
Oakland Hills	925-876-5095
Intero Real Estate Services	Russ Burch
1770 Arrowhead Dr	3bd/2ba
510-339-8301	
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand
1221 Hampel St.	4BD/2BA
510-299-5709	
Rockridge	Judy Richardson
3860 Glen Park Rd.	4BD/2BA
510-338-1340	
Glenview	Christian Downer
5360 Locksley Ave	2+BD/1BA
510-547-5970 x55	
Rockridge	Ron Kriss
966 Scott St.	3 BD/1.5BA
2 Upper Lakeshore	510-507-3334
Help-U-Sell Action Properties	Theresa Hergert
3965 Turnley	3+BD/3BA
510-339-4700	
Sequoyah Hills	Donna Conroy
7865 Outlook Ave	4+bd/4ba
510-292-2011	
Red Oak Realty	Tim Cassidy
4797 Ceranium Place	3BD/2BA
510-421-6818	
Redwood Heights	Andrea Gordon
10 Cortez Court	3BD/3BA
510-339-0400	
Prudential Claremont	Dana Cohen
2601 Chelsea Dr	3bd/2ba
510-339-8301	
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand
7033 Thornhill Drive	3BD/1.5BA
510-421-6818	
C21 Heritage	Andrea Gordon
33 Kimberley Court	3BD/2BA
510-531-7000 x246	
Prudential Claremont	Stan Hammond
8140 Surrey Lane	3bd/3ba
510-339-9290	
Sequoyah Heights	Susan Lambert
533 Westfield Way	4BD/2BA
510-451-7317 x18	
Valva Realty Co.	Mike Bresso
17 Templar Pl	2+BD/2BA
510-338-1357	
Upper Rockridge	Nancy Moore
7270 Sayre Drive	4BD/2BA
510-339-0400	
Prudential Claremont	Angela Wei Grubb
7535 Skyline Blvd	3BD/2BA
510-652-2133	
Prudential Claremont	Carolyn Jones
109 Panoramic Way	3+bd/1ba
510-485-0211	
Prudential Claremont	Roy Grigsby
6459 Pinehaven Rd	4d/2ba
510-339-8301	
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand
4903 Stoneridge Ct.	3BD/2.5BA
510-338-1310	
Oakland Hills	Robyn Mohr
6952 Bristol Drive	3BD/2.5BA
510-540-8566	
Wellis & Bennett Realtors	Gerald Cheng
492 Staten Ave #1202	2BD/2BA
510-421-6818	
Prudential Claremont	Andrea Gordon
373 Warwick Ave	4bd/2ba
510-252-2026	
Red Oak Realty	Kimberly Miller
5545 Lawton Ave	3+bd/1+ba
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair	Gene Boomer
801 Calmar Ave	4BD/3.5BA
510-339-0400	
Crocker Highlands	S.Michaelides/M.Merrick
559 Valle Vista Ave	4bd/2ba
510-835-6218	
Red Oak Realty	Heidi & Jerry Long
431-433 Sunnyslope Ave	2+BD/1BA
510-338-1370	
Pacific Union Residential	Erika Celestre
7757Hansom Dr	5bd/2.5ba
510-339-9290	
Oakland Hills	Myrtye Wong
1880 Arrowhead	3+BD/3BA
510-338-1308	
Prudential Claremont	Dick Cohen
1887 Trestle Glen Rd	2+bd/2ba
510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair	George Milliron
6525 Chelton Drive	4BD/3BA
510-339-4257	
Intero Real Estate Services	Sarah Arnold
6875 The Turn	2BD/2+BA
510-339-0400	
Prudential Claremont	Michelle Winchester
6701 Sims Drive	4BD/2BA
510-339-4700	
Prudential Claremont	Anne Hill
87 Ross Cir.	3+bd/1.5ba
510-612-5546	
Prudential Claremont	Krista Miller
6625 Exeter Dr.	4BD/3.5BA
925-680-8282	
Agent	Peggy Montgomery
6700 Moore Dr	4bd/4.5ba
510-339-8301	
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand
4224 Reinhardt Dr	3+bd/3ba
510-339-4000	
Redwood Heights	Ken Nwokedi
63 Wildwood Ave	3+bd/2.5ba
510-280-2152	
Red Oak Realty	Dana Cordiero
1051 & 1053 62nd St	2 UNITS
510-915-4644	
Prudential Ca. Realty	Pattie Holm
740 Calmar Avenue	3BD/1.5BA
510-339-0400	
Prudential Claremont	Judith Cain
578 Mira Vista Ave	4BD/2BA
510-339-1370	
Pacific Union Residential	Erika Celestre
6500 Swainland Rd	4bd/2.5ba
510-339-0400	
Prudential Claremont	Nahid Nassiri
870-872 Erie Street	4BD/2BA
510-339-0400	
Lakeshore	Karen Starr
1835 Tunnel Rd.	4 BD/4.5 BA
510-882-2215	
Kane & Associates	Agnes Wu
6358 Heather Ridge Way	4BD/2.5BA
625-998-1999	
Prudential Claremont	Kim Sanner

Oakland				
\$1,195,000	6129 Wood Dr.	4BD/3BA		
Open Sun 1-4:30		510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		Terry Anthony		
\$1,195,000	7030 Buckingham Blvd.	3++BD/3BA		
Open 2-5	Claremont Hills	925-253-6203		
Pacific Union GMAC		Julie Nachtwy		
\$1,249,000	6300 Castle Drive	3BD/2.5BA		
Open Sun 1-4	Piedmont Pines	510-507-1261		
Help-U-Sell Action Properties		Chuck Hergert		
\$1,250,000	14 Clipper Hill	3+BD/3BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Hillier Highlands	510-339-4040		
The Grubb Co.		Jill Carrigan		
\$1,259,000	3299 Brunell Dr	5bd./3.5ba		
Open Sun 2-5	Montclair	510-524-3510		
New Spring R.E.		Yehuda Ben-David		
\$1,270,000	4288 Terrabella Wy.	4BD/3BA		
Open 2-4:30	Montclair	510-336-1346		
Pacific Union Residential		Joanna Gould		
\$1,275,000	1054 Sunnyside Road	3BD/2.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Anthony Riggins		
\$1,350,000	6307 Brookside	4BD/3BA		
Open 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-338-1313		
Pacific Union Residential		Dee Knowland		
\$1,379,000	2110 Arrowhead Dr	4BD/2.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		David Eckert		
\$1,395,000	970 Alvarado Rd	3BD/3BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Claremont Hills	510-652-2133		
The Grubb Co.		Ruth Frassetto		
\$1,425,000	6848 Charing Cross Rd	4BD/3BA		
Open Sun 2-5	Claremont Hills	510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		Ellen Lancaster		
\$1,575,000	5242 Masonic Ave	3BD/2BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-339-4040		
The Grubb Co.		Matthew W. Heafey		
\$1,595,000	268 Taurus Ave	3+BD/5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		Marlena S. Lyons		
\$1,630,000	23 Observation Place	4BD/3.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-899-8000		
Alain Pinel Realtors		Kelly Deal		
\$1,649,000	5234 Cochrane Ave	3++BD/2++BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-338-1386		
Pacific Union Residential		Ashley O'Neill		
\$1,650,000	6464 Melville Drive	-BD/-BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-531-7000 x246		
Wells & Bennett Realtors		Stan Hammond		
\$1,699,000	7217 Skyline Blvd.	4+BD/3.5BA		
Open Sun 2-5	Montclair	925-314-4884		
Pacific Union GMAC		Doris Chang		
\$1,850,000	13402 Campus Dr	5BD/5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Ridgemoor	510-339-4040		
Coldwell Banker		Nancy Dieck		
\$1,999,000	6839 Elverton Dr	5+BD/4.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		David Eckert		
\$2,500,000	5935 Manchester Dr.	4++BD/4++BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Upper Rockridge	510-338-1357		
Pacific Union Residential		Francis Heath		
\$2,895,000	25 Observation Place	5BD/4.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-899-8000		
Alain Pinel Realtors		K. Deal		
\$4,325,000	4615 Rockingham Ct.	6+BD/6+BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-638-1331		
Pacific Union Residential		David Ichikawa		
895,000	1069 Rose Ave	3+bd/2ba		
Open Sat/Sun, 2-5	Piedmont	510-868-1554		
Prudential Berkeley		Anita & Lisa		
Piedmont				
\$363,000	1 Kelton 6A	1BD/1BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		George Karsant		
\$859,000	303 Olive Avenue	2BD/1BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Katherine Cooper		
\$995,000	361 Moraga	4BD/2BA		
Open Sat & Sun 2-5		510-338-1385/1360		
Pacific Union Residential	J. Neldeman/T. Medrano			
\$998,000	1025 Oakland Ave	3BD/2BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		Becky Andersen		
\$1,138,000	300 Pacific Avenue	4BD/2BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Debra Dryden		
\$1,175,000	66 Calvert Ct.	3 BD/2 BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-531-2274/579-2137		
Kane & Associates	Wendy Sando / Kate Odorizzi			
\$1,295,000	250 Estates Dr	4+bd/3ba		
Open Sun, 2-5		510-845-0211		
Prudential Claremont	Ted Normart/Rita Harrington			
\$1,325,000	327 San Carlos	5bd/2.5ba		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8640		
Montclair Better Homes		Regina Jacobs		
\$1,335,000	1135 Ranleigh Way	3BD/3.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Mindy Scott		
\$1,335,000	1135 Ranleigh Way	3BD/3.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Mindy Scott		
\$1,850,000	334 Wildwood Avenue	4BD/3+BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Sandra Vogl		
\$1,895,000	8 Langdon Court	3+BD/4BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Elizabeth Dickson		
\$1,950,000	325 Hampton Road	3+BD/3+BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-0400		
The Grubb Co.		Kurt Buchholz		
\$1,995,000	42 Monticello Ave	4BD/2.5BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont	510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		Dian Hymer		
\$4,100,000	39 Crest Rd	6+BD/6+BA		
Open 1-5		510-338-1343		
Pacific Union Residential		Kathleen Callahan		
Pinole				
\$555,000	1561 Klidare Way	3BD/2BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-486-1495		
Coldwell Banker		Diane Southworth		
Pittsburg				
\$415,000	2255 Old Creek Rd	2BD/2BA		
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-4700		
Coldwell Banker		Reva Tolbert		
Point Richmond				
\$998,000	537 Golden Gate Ave.	4+bd/2.5ba		
Sun 2-4:30		510-231-1640		
Marvin Gardens		Jeff Janes		
\$1,675,000	518 Grandview Court	3BD/2.5BA		
Open Sun 1:30-5		510-486-1495		
Coldwell Banker		Nancy Copeland		
Richmond				
\$369,000	412 Commodore Dr	1bd/1ba		
Open Sun, 2-5		510-280-2121		
Red Oak Realty		Katie Lederer		
\$375,000	537 17th St	2bd/1ba		
Open Sun, 2-4:30		510-339-4000		
Montclair Better Homes		Pamela Aziz		
\$379,000	1776 Tulare	2bd/1ba		
Open Sun, 2-4		510-662-8469		
Security Pacific	www.geristern.com			
\$399,000	2911 Downer Ave	2bd/1ba		
Open Sun, 1-5 No. & East		510-599-2132		
Prudential Grand Lake		Carol Norris Traval		

ALAMEDA



311 SANTA CLARA AVENUE \$840,000
West End Open Sat & Sun 1-4
 Handsome Tudor Revival w/curb appeal. The main 3 bedroom, 1 bath is perfect for a family & rear 1+ bedroom cottage ideal for rental income.
Darryl & Yolanda Freeman 510-748-1165



953 SHOREPOINT CT. #211 \$359,000
Shorepoint Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 Cute, clean and updated 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo with new floors, secure parking and view of the pool.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108

801 CENTRAL AVENUE \$569,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 WOW! Wonderful 2 bedroom, 1 bath w/Windows overlooking Washington Park. New bamboo floors, fresh paint. Beautifully landscaped.
Lainie Acacio 510-748-1172

1715 HIGH STREET \$799,000
East End Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 Charming 3+ bedroom, 2 bath Tudor style home. Freshly painted inside & out. Beautiful hardwood floors, formal DR & bonus room.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108

2422 EAGLE AVENUE \$828,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 Spacious Transitional Italianate family home. 5 bedroom, 2 full bath w/huge rear yard. Upgraded kitchen & bathroom. Many structural upgrades.
Angela McIntyre 510-748-1121

405 LAGUNARIA \$678,000
Baywood Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 Spectacular! Model home condition w/top of the line up-grades. Location is perfect. Walk to ferry, golf, tennis, restaurants and shopping.
Ruth Masonek 510-748-1101

1816 OHLONE STREET \$870,000
Marina Cove Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 Adaptable 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/ formal rooms, breakfast nook, FP, wood floor, Berber carpet, garden/play and much MORE!
Pacita Dimacali 510-748-1148

3269 CAPE COD COURT \$540,000
Ravens Cove Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 One level 2 bedroom, 2 bath town home with patio, easy access to beach public transportation and shopping.
Angela McIntyre 510-748-1121



1715 OTIS DRIVE \$829,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 PRICE REDUCTION! Rare ranch style home on lagoon w/spectacular views. 3 bedroom, 2 bath freshly painted inside & new carpets.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108

1533 PACIFIC AVENUE \$475,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
 Practically rebuilt with many repairs and replacements. New bath fixtures, Berber/Pergo floors, 2 sheds & more! Expansion possibilities.
Pacita Dimacali 510-748-1148

2358 CORAL SEA STREET \$1,168,000
Bayport Open Sat & Sun 2-5
 2-story home w/spacious kitchen & family room. Formal living & dining room, 2 fireplaces, landscaped yard, high ceilings and much more.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108

389 ANCHOR WAY \$565,000
Ravens Cove Open Sunday 1-3
 Desirable one-level 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with walking paths to the water, pool & clubhouse.
Steve DiGiulio 510-748-1171

325 KITTYHAWK ROAD #317 \$439,000
South Shore Open Sunday 2-4
 Bright & airy condo - Newly remodeled kit & bath, hardwood floors, enclosed balcony - 3rd floor, 1/4 block from beach. Great!
Joan Cacconi 510-522-9100

470C COLA BALLENNA \$630,000
Ballena Bay Open Sunday 2-4
 Marina and Bay Views! Watch the sun set over the marina from your deck. Delightful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with large loft.
Ty Welchhart 510-748-1118

300 TIDEWAY DRIVE \$1,500,000
Ballena Bay Open Sunday 2-4
 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/panoramic Bay & S.F. City view. Huge master suite w/office, 2 deep water docks, gourmet kitchen & exercise room.
Jim Nations 510-748-1161

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1103 FOUNTAIN STREET \$695,000
East End Open Sunday 2-4
 Bright & sunny 2+ bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Inlaid hardwood floors, breakfast room & deck.
Virginia Ambrosini 510-748-1138

3237 FAIRVIEW AVENUE \$749,000
Fernside Open Sunday 2-4
 Light & bright 2+ bedroom, 1 bath w/fresh interior paint, refinished hardwoods, fireplace, backyard & laundry room. Wonderful neighborhood.
James Collins 510-748-1189

319 BROADWAY #203 \$425,000
East End Open Sunday 2-4
 Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with exceptional views of the lagoon & pool area from your balcony. Close to shopping and the beach.
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SPORTS

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Section C



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

CHAOS COACH Kevin Rose-Williams talks with his squad. Rose-Williams has the team working on specific drills to prepare it for the physical play of the Norway Cup, which draws teams from 42 nations.

Chaos is ready for 'amazing' trip

Albany-Berkeley Chaos soccer team will be among 100 squads competing in the Norway Cup

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The Albany-Berkeley Chaos soccer team is looking forward to the experience of a lifetime when it competes in the Norway Cup, which starts on July 30.

"It's going to be amazing. I've never been out of the continent," said midfielder Millie Triano, a sophomore at St. Mary's High School. "The reason we're going is just amazing. A tournament overseas is just incredible."

This huge tournament, which has six boys divisions and six girls divisions, will have 1,500 teams from 42 nations competing. Chaos, which consists of 14-year-olds, will play in Class 1A, which is basically an underclass, according to Chaos coach Kevin Rose-Williams.

The team heard about this tournament from a former player, who is a Norwegian citizen who lived in the Bay Area for a while. She was on our team two years ago, and when we gave her a call, she said we would go to play in the Norwegian Cup," Rose-Williams said. "That's what got the whole idea started."

The team has held fund-raising events such as garage sales and car washes, for the past 11 months in order to afford the trip. "I'm looking most forward to

"What's fun about the (tournament) is about the whole town of Oslo turns out. All the public transit is free to us all, the museums are thrown open. ... It's like a mini Youth Olympic Games."

— Chaos coach Kevin Rose-Williams

playing against teams from other countries across the world and getting to experience their cultures on and off the field," said midfielder Celeste Swain, a junior at Berkeley.

It's more than simply a soccer tournament.

"What's fun about the (tournament) is about the whole town of Oslo turns out. All the public transit is free to us all, the museums are thrown open. ... It's like a mini Youth Olympic Games," said Rose-Williams, who also mentioned there would be opening ceremonies.

Rose-Williams estimated that there would be 128 teams in Class R. There is pool play for the first three games, then the top two teams from each pool advance to the round of 64. The

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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

LAURA KAER, 15, deflects a shot on goal during practice. Kaer and her teammates will play their first game in Oslo, Norway, on July 30.

Albany Little League teams excel in tourneys

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Three Albany Little League teams reached championship games in their respective divisions this week.

The Junior Division squad advanced through the loser's bracket Wednesday's championship game against San Francisco in the regional tournament in Benicia. Wins from that game were not available at press time.

Albany reached that game after a dominating 13-3 victory over Windsor that ended after four innings because of the 10-

BASEBALL

run rule. Albany broke the game open with five runs in the second inning. Nick Greco hit a two-run single in the inning and teammate Mark Arakaki also had an RBI single for Albany. Luke Davis added a three-run single in the third inning. Arakaki, Marco Santos Jr. and Cole Goodman all had two hits in the victory.

In its opening game of the tournament, Albany defeated Vacaville Central 7-4 on Friday. After Vacaville Central took a 3-0 lead in

the top of the third inning, Albany answered with five runs in the bottom of the inning. Greco and Jake Alaniz hit back-to-back doubles, and Davis also had a three-run double in the inning. Alaniz pitched a six-hitter with no walks, and at the plate he was 3-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI.

Then Albany encountered San Francisco on Saturday. Albany suffered from some timely errors and were hurt by San Francisco's speed in an 11-6 loss.

"They are a very, very good team and they are very well-coached. They took advantage of

every mistake we made," Albany manager Tim Goodman said. "They put the ball in play and they hit the ball hard."

San Francisco broke the game open in the fifth inning with four runs on only one hit and one walk. Cole Goodman and Arakaki both had two hits in the loss. Arakaki had a three-run single in the fifth inning.

Albany bounced back with an 8-1 victory over Benicia on Sunday. Alaniz again pitched a six-hitter with no walks, and he also

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Albany swimmer breaks record

Ariana Saghabi, an 8-year-old Albany resident, broke a 20-year-old age-group record last weekend at the Pacific Swimming Long Course Junior Olympic Championships at Independence High School's Frank Fiscallini International Swim Center in San Jose.

Saghabi, who competes for Bear Swimming, finished the 50-meter butterfly in 36.20 seconds in a 10-under girls preliminary heat. That time broke the Pacific Swimming 8-under record of 36.46, set in 1986 by Tara Hopwood.

— Information provided by Bear Swimming

DIGEST

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Two racers from El Cerrito High School placed well at the 2006 USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships last weekend at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma. John Bennett finished fourth overall in the Junior Sport Men's 16-under division. David Miller was 11th overall in the Junior Sport Men's 16-under division.

— Information provided by the El Cerrito High School Mountain Biking Club

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FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Captain Robert Gallia of the El Dorado said the success the Berkeley Marina salmon fleet has had this year was briefly interrupted by windy conditions offshore last week. Anglers had been averaging near limits to limits the last two weeks, but that slowed to a fish a rod as a result of brisk, foggy and cold conditions along the coast. The salmon that have been holding in the area of Pt. Reyes have averaged 7-10 pounds with 12 or more for each boat weighing 12-20 pounds. A handful have been over 20 pounds, with some reported topping 35.

The Berkeley skippers have been using small to medium-sized baits, primarily anchovies on a slow troll between 25-50 pulls. Some of the big salmon are finding their way to the Duxbury reef area, as many of the private boaters are scoring big after spending the entire day at the reef. On Monday and Tuesday, the Berkeley Fleet found its way back to the grounds with great weather and scored limits.

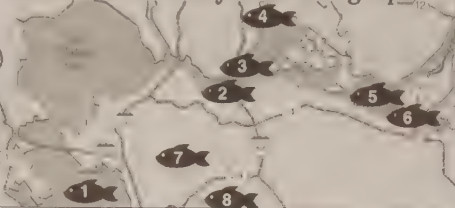
Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said the Bay Area salmon fleet continues to find excellent action fishing off the Marin County coastline in the Pt. Reyes area. All boats have been trolling anchovies at depths of 30-50 feet. On Tuesday out of Emeryville, the New Salmon Queen reported in with limits of salmon up to 30 pounds for its 19 anglers aboard. The average fish has been running 10-12 pounds, with a lot of larger fish taken up to 42 pounds in the last few days.

Rockfishing at the Farallon Islands has been superb. On Tuesday out of Emeryville, three boats reported in with 640 rockfish (limits) with 33 ling cod to 15 pounds for their combined 64 anglers aboard. Best action for the rockfish has been on shrimp livers, and ling cod either bars or live anchovies.

Diana Nunez of www.berkeleymarinasportfishing.com reported that on Saturday and Sunday, the New Golden Eye with Capt. Trund Vo fished the Farallon Islands, Pt. Reyes and the Duxbury Reef and caught limits of rock cod both days and a combined 16 king salmon up to 30 pounds.

The Golden Eye 2000 with Capt. Quang Vo caught 30 limits of rock cod and nine ling cod weighing up to 20 pounds at the Farallon Islands. On Sunday, a private party fished along the

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Poor	Fair	Good	Great	Excellent
1. San Francisco Bay — Berkeley Flats still producing halibut.	2. Martinez Pier — A decent spot for sturgeon, stripers.	3. Mothball Fleet — Wind still a thorn in anglers' side.	4. Montezuma Slough — Some bigger sturgeon may be found.	5. Broad Slough — May again become a popular place.
				6. Antioch Pier — Some Smallmouth stripers being had.
				7. San Pablo Reservoir — Catfish are being caught all over.
				8. Lafayette Reservoir — Perch fishing should pick up soon.

Marin County coastline and caught 21 halibut up to 20 pounds, two striped bass up to 14 pounds and two sand sharks up to 4 pounds.

The Hall with Capt. Bert Nakao fished the Farallons on Saturday and caught 20 limits of rock cod, three ling cod up to 15 pounds and also picked up three bass weighing up to 18 pounds inside the bay near Alcatraz. On Sunday, 30 anglers caught limits of rock cod and eight ling cod up to 15 pounds at the Farallon Islands.

THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: On Monday, the New Golden Eye fished the Berkeley Flats area where the halibut action has been steady. The eight anglers aboard caught 12 halibut up to 12 pounds. On Tuesday, the New Golden Eye fished

Alameda Bay where anglers caught 12 limits of striped bass weighing up to 18 pounds.

Capt. James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn was just outside the Golden Gate Bridge on Tuesday and caught 74 rockfish and 13 ling cod. They then went to the Alameda rock wall and caught two halibut and 38 striped bass. On Wednesday they caught 10 halibut, including a 30-pounder by Castro Valley's Mike Williams, and one steeper.

Over the weekend fishing the Pt. Reyes area, Smith caught a combined 46 limits of rock cod and 54 ling cod and three halibut.

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle said only a handful of fish have been caught in the last week as anglers have been frustrated by the

persistent wind and the restrictions on catching sturgeon. Fortunately for these anglers, the limits on catching sturgeon will be lifted as of today. Before, fishermen would only be allowed to keep sturgeon if there were between 46 and 56 inches.

Some sturgeon have been caught in the last row of ships in the Mothball Fleet as well as above the Mothball Fleet. Sturgeon and stripers have been caught at the Martinez Pier.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot said trout fishing remains slow as just a couple were reported this past week. Experienced anglers caught trout in the deeper sections of the lake toward the dam. Look for better trout fishing conditions when the water cools down.

Bass fishing remains steady from last week. Many bass, although small, are being caught all over the lake with plastic worms, live worms and crank bait. Some of the bigger bass that were caught are back by Bass Cove and Alder Point.

Catfish action remains steady as in prior weeks. A couple of limits were pulled out of Honker Bay and Bass Cove. Chicken liver and mackerel are the best baits to use. About 500 pounds of catfish were planted this week. With a plant like this, the first dock is the hot spot and should keep many anglers busy. A sliding sinker setup should be used.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Trout fishing is slow but a few are still being caught. Try night-crawlers and float it by using PowerBait or marshmallows. There is some bass action. Use crank baits and swim baits or plastics in crawfish or shad patterns.

Catfishing is the best bet at this time of year as the lake is being stocked regularly. Catfish like smelly bait like chicken livers or anchovies. Frozen shrimp and anchovies are working as well. Catfish are showing up in several of areas of the lake.

Crappie still are being caught at the launch end. Try crappie jigs in red/white, green/white or black/white. Waxworms or a piece of nightcrawler is another option. No bluegill were reported this week.

— Compiled by Curtis Pashelka

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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BASEBALL

East Bay Lookouts — Looking for 11-13 year old serious baseball players for fall tournament teams. Tryouts Aug. 5. Contact: Gil Manzanara, 510-552-5450, www.eastbaylookouts.com.

Oakland A's — Dave Henderson Summer Baseball Camp for children ages 8-12. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 7-11 at Caldecott Tunnel Fields, Oakland. Contact: 877-993-7338, <http://hendersonbaseball.com/asyc/asyc.html>.

FSN Bay Area/Emerald Snacks Baseball Skills Clinic — Headed by Bishop O'Dowd High School Coach Kyriacou and staff, and former MLB players Mike Norris and Big Roberts. Open to all children ages 9-12. Cuperino, Aug. 12. Free, 300 spots available per clinic. Contact: 415-705-0900, www.fsnbayarea.com.

ALBANY-BERKELEY STING SOFTBALL

RESULTS OF PLEASANTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE SUMMER CLASSIC, JULY 15-16

Sting Blue 12U 6, Pleasanton Phantom 6: Sting pitcher Fiona Riley blanked the potent Phantom offense through three innings, striking out three batters. Katie Tuck pulled down two line drives in center to stifle Phantom. Sting hitters exploded in the third inning, with Tick doubling, Taylor Ivanich's sacrifice bunt, Allie Presher singling Tick home, and Riley driving in both Presher and Marisa Budlong with a single and then stealing home for the fourth run. Phantom struck for three in the fourth, but Riley struck out one batter and Jaclyn Caldwell caught two flies at third to limit Phantom. Phantom tacked on two runs in the fifth to even the score at 6.

Castro Valley Synergy Black 12, Sting Blue 12U 5: On a torrid afternoon, Synergy struck for three runs in the first. Sting countered when

BASKETBALL

Albany High Boys Basketball — Cougar Basketball Camp for boys entering grades 7-11. July 31, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Albany High, 510 Key Route Blvd., Albany. \$10. Doug Kagawa, 510-525-5047, gawaAHS@comcast.net.

Cal Women's Basketball — Haas Pavilion, Cal campus. Junior Cup Camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 24-27, grades K-6, \$325 per player. 510-642-9448.

FOOTBALL

Albany Bobcats Youth Football — Sign-ups for fall season 11-12. July 22. For children ages 7-12. Dugout, 863 San Pablo Ave. Contact: 510-528-7055, www.albanyball.com.

JOYS

El Cerrito High School — for head varsity girls' tennis, head varsity and JV coaches, and girls volleyball and girls basketball. Contact: George Austin, 510-650-4888, gaustin488@aol.com, maestro125@comcast.net.

Chaos

FROM PAGE 1

Chaos' first game is July 30, and the finals are on Aug. 5. Only one U.S. team won the Class R title in the first 28 years of the division.

The Chaos have practiced specific drills to prepare them for the physical play of the tournament.

"I expect from the Scandinavians really direct and physical (play), where they will try to move the ball up to the strikers really fast," Rose-Williams said.

The Chaos are a highly successful team. They finished second in the District IV California Youth Soccer Association Fall 2005 League with a 6-3-1 record, and they also have won the Peninsula Shootout and the Bladum Indoor League in the past 12 months. The team includes players from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Kensington and Richmond.

"I think our name definitely fits us. We're very chaotic, but when we need to, we get very focused," said forward/wing Alysha Lyster, a junior at Albany. "We're very upbeat."

They will also soon be world travelers.



MIA KLEVEN, 14, dribbles the ball between flags during the Chaos' preparation for the Norway Cup.

Baseball

FROM PAGE 1

benefited from outstanding defense, particularly from Kenji Quides at third base. Albany took the lead with two runs in the first inning. In the game, Quides was 3-for-4 with three RBI and Cole Goodman was also 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

LITTLE LEAGUE DIVISION

Albany rallied from an 11-2 deficit before falling 11-10 to North Oakland in the championship game of the California District 4 International Tournament Monday in Concord.

Albany relief pitcher Zachary Chiang got out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning with a strikeout and a groundout, and Albany went to work in the fifth inning, sending 11 batters to the plate. It scored six runs on RBI by Jesse Santos, Paulie Kennedy, Griffin Goetz, Tom Miller, Ryan Masterson and Chiang.

With one out in the top of the sixth inning, Daniel Supple slammed a two-run home run. Then with two outs, Kennedy missed tying the game by inches as he hit the first pitch off the top of the right field fence for a double, but North Oakland pitcher Alex Rollins induced a groundout to end the game.

Albany beat Martinez 16-10 in the loser's bracket final on Saturday. Supple hit a grand slam and a two-run home run in the game, and Kennedy added a two-run home run. Santos, Chiang, Supple and Kennedy each had three hits in the win.

In a 5-2 victory over Antioch East on Friday, starting pitcher Orion Read allowed only three hits in five innings and struck out nine batters. He also hit a home run to give Albany a 2-1 lead in

the fourth inning.

On July 13, Albany scored 10 runs in the first inning on its way to a 13-3 victory over Walnut Creek that was called after five innings because of the 10-run rule. Kennedy hit a home run and drove in three runs, and Goetz, Nick Lamb, Harty Strang, Supple and Kennedy each had two hits in the win.

On July 12, Albany edged Antioch West 8-6. Albany scored five runs in the second inning to take a 5-0 lead, but Antioch West closed the gap to 5-4 in the third inning. Goetz, however, had a two-run single in the fifth inning.

9-10 YEAR OLD DIVISION

Alameda defeated Albany 8-2 in the championship game of the California District 4 International Tournament on Monday. Alameda took an 8-0 lead before

Albany scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. Alameda scored four runs in the second inning to take a 6-0 lead.

Albany had won six games in six days before the championship game.

On Saturday, Joe Franco pitched a complete game to help Albany defeat Walnut Creek 7-1. He allowed just five hits and one walk. Cole Martiniak had three hits for Albany, and teammates Matthew Mino and James Stoner each went 2-for-3.

In Albany's 13-6 win over South Oakland on Friday, Calvin Bernard, Sami Tuqan, Robert Wu and Martiniak each had two hits in the victory. Albany also defeated East County 13-3 on July 13, as Martiniak went 3-for-3 and Reed Thomas-McLean was 2-for-2.

Shan Dhalilwal allowed only two hits in three innings on the mound in Albany's 6-3 win over Antioch West on July 12. Franco had two doubles and Cole Martiniak had a triple and a single.

10-11 YEAR OLD DIVISION

Albany was eliminated in the third round of the loser's bracket with a 6-3 loss to Martinez on July 12. Albany finished the tournament with a 2-2 record.

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Events

STAGE

■ **"Twelfth Night,"** By William Shakespeare — through Aug. 13. An all women production by Woman's Will. Twins Sebastian and Viola, who greatly resemble one another, are separated during a shipwreck. Viola later disguises herself as a boy, Cesario, and takes service with Duke Orsino, who is in love with the Lady Olivia. Cesario is sent by Duke Orsino to help him woo Lady Olivia only to have Olivia fall for Cesario. Soon after, Sebastian arrives in town and is mistaken for Cesario, causing a great deal of confusion among everyone. Performances will take place at venues throughout the Bay Area. July 15, 6 p.m.: Rossmoor's Hillside Clubhouse Lawn, Walnut Creek. July 22, 1 p.m.: Mosswood Park, MacArthur and Broadway, Oakland. July 23, 1 p.m.: Dimond Park, 3860 Hanly Road. Donations encouraged. www.womanswill.org.

■ **Actors Ensemble of Berkeley** — "The Night of the Iguana," by Tennessee Williams, through Aug. 12. The story of an artist and a defrocked minister who are drawn together by a need for companionship. Friday-Saturday and August 10, 8 p.m. \$12 general; \$10 students and seniors. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-5999. www.aeotheatre.org.

■ **Altadena Playhouse** — "As You Like It," by William Shakespeare, through July 23. A comedy about the escapades of a banished duke and his court. Presented by AR-Clight Rep and Altadena Playhouse. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$8-\$15. 1409 High St., Altadena. 510-523-1553. www.altadena.org.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — Extended — "Permanent Collection," by Thomas Gibbons, through July 30. Gibbons' play, inspired by the true controversies surrounding Philadelphia's Barnes Foundation, explores opposing views of art, race and culture. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$28-\$45. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822. www.auroretheatre.org.

■ **Berkeley City Club** — "Walking the Dead," through Oct. 29. Theatre Q presents Keith Curran's work about the tragic death of a transgendered person. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$18-\$20. 510-326-8197. www.theatreq.org. "The Inspector-General," by Gary Graves, through July 30. Inspired by Gogol's classic, the play focuses on the riotous encounter between a happily married couple sheltered within a northern California gated community and the government official who unexpectedly pays them a visit. Presented by Central Works. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. \$9-\$25. 510-558-1381. www.centralworks.org. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — Ennio Marchetto presents "Ennio," through July 23. Watch on as Ennio Marchetto transforms the art of erigami into a theatrical show. Accompanied by non-stop music, Marchetto will create some 50 characters using paper. Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 5 and 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$25-\$45. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, 888-4BR-Tix. www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "Footloose," through Aug. 6. The Broadway musical, based on Dean Pitchford's 1984 movie, tells the story of Ren McCormack who uses dance as a form of expression and rebellion in the strict community of Beaumont. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Musicals, \$12-\$20; Plays, \$10-\$15. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132. www.cccot.org.

■ **East Bay Improv** — "Tired of the

Same Old Song and Dance?" Ongoing, 8 p.m. East Bay Improv actors perform spontaneous, impulsive and hilarious comedy on the first Saturday of every month. \$8. Pinole Community Playhouse, 601 Tennent Ave., Pinole. 510-964-0571. www.eastbayimprov.com.

■ **Kofman Auditorium** — "Jesus Christ Superstar," by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, through July 23. The hit 1970s rock opera re-creates Jesus' last seven days as recounted by the eyes of Judas. An Alameda Civic Light Opera production. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$27-\$31. 2200 Central Ave., Alameda.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — "Pins and Needles," by Harold Rome, July 23, 7:30 p.m. Presented by The Indelible Voices Project in conjunction with Laborfest and Opera Non Troppo. The concert performance uses songs and sketches from various sources, including the Harold Rome Papers at Yale University, the Library of Congress and commercial sources. Millie Weitz, a cast member from the original 1937 production, will make a special guest appearance. \$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568. www.lapena.org.

■ **Masquers Playhouse** — "The Fantasticks," by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones, through July 22. Based on Rostand's "Les Romanesques" and George Fleming's original classic "The Fantasticks," this musical comedy tells the tale of young lovers who become disillusioned only to discover a more mature and meaningful love. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; June 25, July 2, July 9 and July 16, 2:30 p.m. \$18. 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. 510-232-4031. www.masquers.org.

■ **Shotgun Players** — "Ragnarok: The Doom of the Gods," by Conrad Bishop and Elizabeth Fuller, July 29 through Sept. 10. A troupe of wayward performers train their newest member, a fish monger, as they prepare to present the story of the end of the world. The production draws upon Norse mythology and features gods, giants, battles and the eternal struggle for survival. Saturday-Sunday, 4 p.m. At John Hinkel Park, 2 Southampton Ave., Berkeley. Free. "The Typographer's Dream," by Adam Bock, July 29 through Sept. 3. A typographer, a geographer and a stenographer obsess over their professions, their identities and Canada. Presented in collaboration with Encore Theatre Company. Thursday-Sunday, August 9, August 16, August 23 and August 30, 8 p.m. \$15-\$30. The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-6500. www.shotgunplayers.org.

■ **The Marsh Berkeley** — "Faulty Intelligence," through July 27. Roy Zimmerman's evening of satirical tunes includes a love song to "Dick Cheney," a lesson in "Creation Science 101" and a portrait in song of "Jerry Falwell's God." Wednesday-Thursday, \$15-\$22. The Gaia Building, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. Info: 415-826-5750. Tickets: 800-838-3006. www.themarsh.org.

■ **The San Francisco Mime Troupe Presents "Godfellas,"** through Sept. 4. In a nation where belief, liberty and justice are all being compromised, a radical Reverend butts heads with an ambitious civic arts teacher. Performances will occur at different venues throughout the Bay Area. July 29, 2 p.m.: Mosswood Park, MacArthur and Broadway, Oakland. Donations requested. 1:30 p.m. www.sfmt.org.

■ **Ashby Stage** — "The Bay Area Comedy Festival," through July 22, 8 p.m. Enjoy three nights of Bay Area improv and sketch comedy. July 20: The evening includes long-form improv by The Un-Scripted Theater Company, political sketch comedy by Richters Scale and fast-paced comedy improv by Big City

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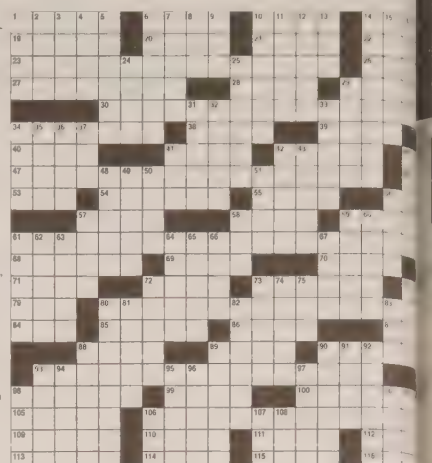
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22 Lollygag
23 EVIL BRAT IN
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13 Cask contents
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15 St. Stephen, in the
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17 One doing heavy
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58 Short flight
59 Race of Norse gods
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converter?
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Improv. July 21: Enjoy sketch comedy by Free Hooch Comedy Troupe, improv by SP7 and Big City Improv, and the Bay Area original Iron Comic stand-up competition. July 22: The evening features sketch comedy by Kasper Hauser, stand-up comedy by Ali Wong, improv by Big City Improv and the Improv Slam Singing Contest. \$15 per act; \$35 three-day pass. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

■ **Berkeley Opera** — "The Girl of the Golden West," by Giacomo Puccini, through July 23. The opera, perhaps Puccini's most surprising and modern, focuses on a love triangle that emerges during the 19th-century American gold rush era. SUNG IN ENGLISH. Libretto by David Scott Marley. July 15 and July 21, 8 p.m.; July 19, 7:30 p.m.; July 23, 2 p.m. \$15-\$40. \$16 to \$40 general; \$20 seniors; \$15 youth; \$10 students. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2460 College Ave., Berkeley. Info: 510-841-1903. Tickets: 925-798-1300. www.berkeleyopera.org.

■ **Chapel Of The Chimes** — Oakland Lyric Opera, July 30, 2 p.m. The program, titled "Italian Holidays," features Italian opera music as well as Sicilian and popular songs. Featured artists: Amanda M. Villegas, soprano; Douglas Bryson, baritone; Leland Morine, baritone; David Miotke, piano. \$18-\$20. 510-

836-6772. www.oaklandlyricopera.org. 4499 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-654-0123. www.chapelofthechimes.com.

■ **First Congregational Church Of Berkeley** — "Midsummer Mozart Festival," July 23 and July 30, 7 p.m. Artistic Director George Cleve conducting. An all-Mozart program. The July 23 concert will feature pianist Andre Watts. \$30-\$60. 415-627-9145. www.midsummermozart.org. 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.

■ **Holy Names University Chapel** — Holy Names University's Kodaly Summer Institute Choir, July 28, 7:30 p.m. Laszlo Matos conducting. The program features Faure's "Requiem." Free. 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland.

DANCE

■ **Shattuck Down Low** — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159. www.shattuckdownlow.com.

■ **Starry Down Pub** — "Ceilidh and Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082. www.starryploughpub.com.

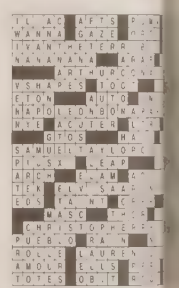
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■ **Bay Area Rail Trails** — Ongoing.

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■ **Bay Area Ridge Trail** — Ongoing. The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites. Ongoing Events — Alameda County — "Lake Chabot Bike Rides." These rides are for

strong beginners and intermediate to build skill, strength and endurance at a non-hammer pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Oakland. Elevation gain 1,000 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting: Lake Chabot Road at the entrance to the park. Thursday, a.m. 510-468-3582. Alameda County — "Tilden and Lake Rides." A vigorous ride. Tilden and Wildcat Canyon parks. Reservations required. 15 miles. Elevation: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace: fast. Meeting place: the North Berkeley BART station. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 510-9650. Free. 415-561-2585. getrail.org.



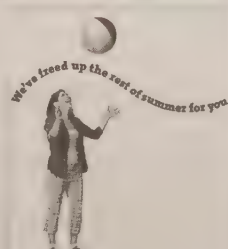
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Another reason the car may be feeling rough are the struts and shocks. If your car is over 60,000 miles then there will be some wear on these components. Have a professional check them and advise you. The struts are made to last a long time and first exhibit wear around 60,000 miles and gradually continue to deteriorate over a period of many miles. Some technicians feel they should stay good for 150,000 miles. Shocks on the other hand are usually worn out by 60,000 miles and should be replaced. If you carry a lot of weight in your car then replace them sooner. Most of the time when talking struts and shocks it's a comfort, not a safety issue. You drive the car on a daily basis so it's your call.

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West Alameda's newest restaurant, Katsu Sushi, invites guests to an upscale dining experience with classic simplicity. Chef Sang Kim prepares all dishes from scratch, and seafood is brought in fresh, directly from Japan. The menu is extensive, ranging from an extraordinary selection of sushi and sashimi, Udon/Soba, Donburi (over rice dishes), to pasta and an impressive variety of sake. Architect Duk Lee has created a dramatic backdrop for guests, marrying modern art with traditional design elements. Attention to even the most minor aesthetic detail is also mirrored in the elegant presentation of Katsu's dishes, offerings that are as much a work of art to the palate as to the eye. **Katsu is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday and on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** Reservations recommended.

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant

MOVED TO NEW LOCATION
1148 Ballena Blvd., Alameda (510) 865-5088

Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, Angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good home-style cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the popular early bird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water, and there is plenty of free parking. **The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner. Dinner served 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

Sushi House

2375 Shoreline Drive, Alameda (510) 865-0999

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891B Island Drive (Harbor Bay Island), Alameda (510) 521-4032

Family-owned El Caballo Mexican Restaurant has had a long-standing reputation for preparing delicious traditional dishes from scratch using nothing but the freshest ingredients of the highest quality. El Caballo is famous for its Especialidades De Mariscos (seafood specialties) including Paella Estilo Catalina, Cioppino Siete Madres, Enchiladas Cabo San Lucas, and many others. In addition to delicious seafood entrees, El Caballo offers an impressive menu of Mexican favorites to please every palate. The family and staff at El Caballo have made it their utmost priority to offer you, their guests, a pleasant and relaxing dining experience. You are invited to enjoy authentic Mexican dining with a view over beautiful Harbor Bay Lagoon.

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Featured Menu

Sophia Cafe

A MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT

APPETIZERS

SOPHIA SALAD

Mixed greens, cherry tomatoes and green peppers dressed with a tangy raspberry vinaigrette. **\$4.75** With chicken **\$8.75**

MEZA PLATE

Combination plate of eggplant salad, houmous, tabini and baba ganoush. Served with pita bread. With falafel **\$8.75** With shawarma **\$10.75** With lamb **\$11.75**

MOROCCAN CIGARS

Seasoned beef, rolled in flat, crispy dough. Deep fried and served with tabini sauce. 1) **\$2.50** 2) **\$4.25**

MEDITERRANEAN SALAD

Chopped tomato, cucumber and onion. Seasoned with olive oil, lemon and fresh herbs. **\$4.25**

HOUMOUS

Chickpea dip. Lightly seasoned and mixed with sesame sauce. Served with pita bread. **\$4.25** With falafel **\$5.50** With chicken shawarma **\$7.75** With lamb shawarma **\$9.75**

BABA GANOUSH

Flame-grilled eggplant dip. Blended with herbs and spices and mixed with house sauce. Served with pita bread. **\$4.25**

DOLMAS

Grape leaves rolled and stuffed with lightly spiced rice. Served with tabini sauce. **5 for \$7.75**

EGGPLANT SALAD

Grilled eggplants with bell peppers, fresh garlic, olive oil and special herbs. Served with pita bread. **\$4.25**

ENTREES

COUS COUS PLATE

Moroccan semolina pasta dish. Served with garden vegetables. Vegetarian **\$9.75** With chicken **\$12.00**

Order the following entrees with your choice of rice, cous cous, green salad, cooked vegetables or French fries.

GRILLED CHICKEN STEAK

Boneless chicken marinated in herbs and spices. Grilled. **\$12.00**

SALMON STEAK

Pacific salmon steak marinated in a sweet and sour sauce and grilled. **\$10.75**

SCHNITZEL

Boneless chicken breast rolled in bread crumbs, sesame seeds and spices and fried. **\$12.00**

MOUSSAKA

Sliced eggplant, seasoned ground beef and potatoes topped with special house tomato sauce. Baked. **\$12.00**

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Thinly sliced tender beef. Marinated in herbs and spices and grilled with onions and bell peppers. **\$12.00**

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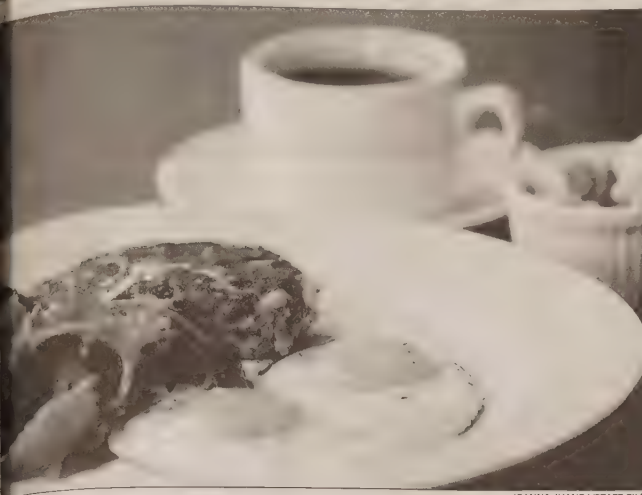
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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF FILE

SERVES California Mediterranean cuisine Wednesday through Sunday. The Liberty Farm dish is served as a brunch item only, but other duck dishes are on the dinner menu.

PAPPO

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enough experience and dough to realize his Thiel found a sinking cafe from the darkened Theater and waded in. months after his restaurant opening night, Thiel's de- open for business in looks just brilliant.

Thiel feels open, pretty and brick, walls painted ice-cream white and a suspension-bulb chandelier, storefront space spans and contemporary. menu offers half a dozen starters, and entrees an- by big portions of animal. Modern without being ing. Mediterranean with- doctrine, it carefully narque ingredients to reg- Hobbs bacon, organic breasts, Liberty Ranch

Thiel acts as both executive and, until recently, general er Jacqueline Riley, from ille's Bistro Jeanty, now ts the restaurant, while ts between kitchen and room). The style of the e has a kind of relaxed nity, filling, marked by nsurprising tastes. Don't elicity or subtle, com- ers.

Thiel won't taste many salads uline as Thiel's Snap Pea orino (\$8.50). The snap e crisp and sweet — and e, so they have a husky, ous flavor, like split pea Thiel pairs them with asting Asian mustard squares of smoky bacon

and prickly lemony vinaigrette: a big-fisted salad. But the slices of pecorino scattered through it don't hold up. Mild and moist, from a cheese that's too young, they taste as mild as hoagie filler. An older, drier, saltier pecorino would be a better fit with the salad's rusky textures and bold flavors.

Fritto Misto (\$10.75) is Thiel's take on fried calamari. The hunks of breaded squid are crisp and shaggy, and the pile of fried stuff contains a nice surprise: breaded, green, anchovy-stuffed olives. They provide the same tart blast as a big squeeze of lemon, only with the meaty-smooth texture of a martini olive. The squid is fresh and there's a clump of dressed Asian mustard greens underneath everything, and on top a squiggle of mildly garlicky rosemary aioli. It's all good — except for the kitchen's technique. The squid wasn't quite dry enough before dredging, so a paste formed where flour met wet squid. There's an unpleasant floury texture, and the breading's falling off in places as it cools, like breading slipping off fast-food onion rings.

I'd be happy with whatever duck preparation appears on Pappo's menu. The birds themselves come from Sonoma's Liberty Ranch, a longtime signature ingredient at BayWolf, Thiel's former employer. On a recent night, it was cooked just right: boneless half-breast sautéed to the rare edge of medium-rare, next to a softly braised leg-and-thigh piece. Studded with best soaked raisins, spiced couscous tastes delicious with the rich, delicately gamy duck breast. And there's a stack of grilled yellow patty pan squash slices that are unexpectedly perfect: crisp, dark tasting along the

stark, black grill lines and noticeably sweet.

Another meat — Rosemary Milk Braised Pork Loin (\$17.75) — is as delectable as the duck, only in a far different way. A Bolognese dish, it relies on long, slow cooking in milk to melt the pork's fat and soften its fibers into buttery smoothness. The kitchen has cooked it just right: The slices of soft-looking gruyère meat are as velvety as beef filet.

Unfortunately, as a whole, the plate seems random: tasty long-cooked broccoli, a thick slice of grilled sweet potato and a spoonful of crisp, golden potato gratin and a little cap of breaded, deep-fried onion slices. Everything tastes good — great, in the pork's case — but it doesn't translate into a satisfying meal. It's more a collection of delicious buffet items than a coherent statement.

You can understand why Pappo fills its plates with vegetables and garnishes. Thiel seems to understand that, in a community as proudly parochial as Alameda, he has to offer good value. Prices aren't cheap — premium meats and a preference for organic produce come at a price — but at least Thiel can provide the perception of abundance, a place where you're assured a good deal, considering you'll probably take home enough for tomorrow's lunch. That probably appeals to a predominately Alameda audience.

Thiel says he wanted Pappo to be a neighborhood place first and gradually work into an East Bay destination restaurant. Considering quirky Alameda, those two goals may be irreconcilable.

Reach East Bay food writer John Birdsall at jwbirdsall@sbcglobal.net.

PAPPO



(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

FOOD

REVIEW VISIT ON JUNE 14

■ **CUISINE:** California Mediterranean.

■ **PRICES:** \$\$\$ (entrees \$17-\$22).

■ **FOOD COST** (before tax and tip): \$67; two appetizers, two entrees, two desserts.

■ **HOME RUN:** Liberty Ranch Duck.

■ **STRIKEOUT:** None.

■ **VEGETARIAN:** One or two starters and a pasta entree; soups are always meatless.

■ **FREEBIES:** Delicious baguette rolls — called Ducks in a Row — from nearby Feel Good Bakery.

■ **BEVERAGES:** Beer and a graceful little wine list.

■ **DESSERTS:** Pastry chef Donna Meadows, alumna of Brooklyn's River Cafe, has skill and a sense of fun: The Pappomallow (\$5.75) is a new twist on the s'more, a little graham-cracker-crust tart with caramel, dark chocolate and a marshmallowy meringue.

★★★★

(Service and ambience rating out of a possible 5)

WHO, WHAT, WHEN

■ **WHERE:** 2320 Central Ave. (near Park Street), Alameda.

■ **HOURS:** Dinner: 5-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Brunch: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays.

■ **CONTACT:** 510-337-9100.

■ **RESERVATIONS:** Any size party.

■ **NOISE LEVEL:** Moderately high.

■ **SERVICE POINT:** Friendly, but timing can lag.

■ **PARKING:** After 6 p.m., free on the street and in a nearby lot.

■ **DINING ALONE:** With only about two dozen tables, you might feel self-conscious.

■ **SPECIAL AREA:** None.

■ **CHILDREN:** No special menu, but the ambience appeals to families for a nice meal out.

■ **PRIVATE PARTIES:** Up to 45 on the restaurant's off nights or during the day.

■ **DATE OPENED:** Oct. 1, 2005.

■ **PRINCIPALS:** John Thiel, owner and executive chef.



WARNER BROS. PICTURE

BRYCE DALLAS HOWARD stars in "Lady in the Water," directed by M. Night Shyamalan. The story was originally a bedtime fairy tale Shyamalan told to his children.

'Lady' more simple than it is spooky

Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

About halfway through M. Night Shyamalan's new film "Lady in the Water" the lead character, an apartment building manager played by Paul Giamatti, has to pretend to be as childlike as possible in order to convince one of his tenants to tell him a bedtime story crucial to the movie's plot. Giamatti eats cookies, drinks milk, dribbles it down his chin and then, rather gingerly, reclines on her couch.

The tenant, an elderly Korean woman, isn't quite buying his routine. Then Giamatti, as Cleveland Heep, raises a stocking-clad foot in the air and, oh so casually, wriggles his toes, just like a child getting comfortable. This works, and the story is told.

Shyamalan issues much the same directive to his audience: Make like a child and believe, or "Lady in the Water" will be meaningless. That would be crushing for the director of the instant classic "The Sixth Sense." Shyamalan, who also wrote and directed "Signs," "Unbreakable" and "The Village," is convinced he's got something vital to communicate, which makes him either self-important, visionary or somewhere in between, depending on your perspective.

The fairy-tale Cleveland has requested is an ancient legend about a kind of water nymph called a "narf." Narfs bring important messages to some deserving human and then hoof it back to the Blue World, but in order to get there, they have to dodge evil creatures called "scrunts." Human beings can help narfs, but the rules for doing so are complicated. All this is relevant to Cleveland because he's got a homeless narf named Story (Bryce Dallas Howard) sleeping on his couch and a scrunt patrolling his front yard.

A scrunt, by the way, looks just like it sounds, a sort of wild boar-hyena mix wearing an Astroturf coat. A narf may sound like a term for dog vomit, but in practice, looks more like the wan love child of Nicole Kidman and Ron Howard (who in fact, is father to Bryce).

Shoot. That just slipped out. I had no intention of making fun of "Lady in the Water," because it is a lovely, sincere movie with a nice message about believing in both otherworldly magic and the more mundane power of a community. But it's hard not to titter when you're using the words narf and scrunt.

Cleveland, however, is barely fazed by the oddities of the fairy tale interrupting his daily duties of changing light bulbs and fixing toilets. He only wants to know how he can help. Like so

'LADY IN THE WATER'

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Starring: Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Bob Balaban, Jeffrey Wright

Rated: PG-13 (for some frightening sequences)

Opens today: in area theaters.

1 hour, 50 minutes

many Shyamalan characters, he is a man with a sad back story of love and loss, damaged goods needing to be healed.

Gradually, the other residents of the five-story apartment complex get sucked into helping Story as well. The Cove is home to a group of five young men who smoke nonstop, a crossword puzzle aficionado (Jeffrey Wright), a sassy Korean college student (Cindy Cheung) and an Indian-American writer (played capably by Shyamalan himself) who lives with his sister (Sarita Choudhury). Only the hilariously snide film critic named Mr. Farber (presumably a nod to Manny Farber, a noted midcentury American critic), played with exquisite timing by Bob Balaban, is left out of the loop.

The movie is based on a bedtime story Shyamalan told his children. As anyone who has ever made up a bedtime story can tell you, the medium is challenging. You get off on some tangent, and your child is looking up at you eagerly, hanging on your every word, and you realize you'd like to hit delete. Instead you're stuck with narfs and scrunts, and you've got to push ahead and hope they like it.

In this case, not everyone will. As it strives to be "E.T.-like, the very simplicity of "Lady in the Water" may be confusing to audiences who have come to rely on Shyamalan for cinematic punches to the gut. I heard a woman leaving an advance screening in San Francisco telling her friends, "I thought there'd be something else, the way that door was creaking open, like there'd be someone else there or something."

She sounded disappointed, and I felt sorry for Shyamalan. He might be hampered by arrogance and he may always struggle against the curse of "The Sixth Sense." But when he could have taken the easy route and opened up "Goodnight Moon" again, he didn't. Apparently, he's not that kind of father, or filmmaker.

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

'Guy's Big Bite' is worth watching

MOVE OVER, Martin Yan. The Bay Area is about to have a new cooking star.

The guy's name is Guy — Guy Fieri. He's a youthful-looking Bay Area restaurateur who won the Next Food Network Star contest this spring. And watching his show, "Guy's Big Bite," you can see why. This guy looks like he could be the next big food TV star.

Fieri owns three restaurants in Sonoma County — that wine country locale is arguably the foodie capital of the world — and will soon open a fourth in Sacramento. With his spiky, bleached hair and beefy build, Fieri, a father of two boys, looks younger than his 38 years.

"Guy's Big Bite," which airs Sunday mornings at 7 (on satellite) and 10 (cable), is becoming a ratings powerhouse.

I asked KTVU exec Carolyn Chang to pull the Nielsen numbers on "Big Bite" recently, and they were amazing: Only NBC's Wimbledon coverage on KNTV was getting higher ratings in the Bay Area in its time slot. And this on a mid-size cable network, no less. It's also further proof that the Bay Area is food-centric. Nowhere else do so many food and restaurant shows appear on TV.

(Ever watched Channel 9's self-indulgent, silly "Check, Please" on Thursday nights?)

When I called Fieri in New York, where he's just finished six half-hour "Bite" shows and is taping two-hour specials for later air, I told him I would categorize his approach to cooking as "muscular." (He's always saying things like, "Let's get those jalapenos workin'" or "I can smell that bacon workin'.") "I like that description," he laughed.

Fieri says the Food Network has told him the ratings for his new show are good but was short on specifics. "They said they'd also take e-mail response into account, and we're getting plenty of that," Fieri added. When I gave him the Bay Area numbers I got from KTVU's Chang, Fieri passed them along to his producer. "His eyes just got really wide," Fieri chuckled.

The mesomorphic Fieri looks like he could be a butcher or a furniture mover. Add his unpretentious, blue-collar approach to cooking — his cornbread-stuffed meatloaf looked amazing — and Fieri could be the anti-Pepin.

My favorite moment — the one that sealed the deal for me with Guy — came when Fieri, who is festooned with gold, was about to reach into a bowl of raw beef and pork while preparing the meatloaf.

"It's time to de-bling," he said, removing the large gold ring on his left hand. That cracked me up. It also underscored his infectious personality. Guy is lifting and constantly moving heavy pots and pans. He does so much lifting in this "muscular" show, in fact, that you occasionally hear him breathing heavily.

"We're on a tight shooting schedule," Fieri says. "I've had my director do a countdown on me: '5-4-3-2...' and if that puppy isn't in the oven by zero, we have to re-shoot the segment."

Which brings up another reason the Food Network must love Fieri: As a businessman himself, he understands budgets — and the importance of staying within them. "I don't want to burn through too much money by re-shooting segments," he says.

Reason number two the network, which will almost certainly renew "Big Bite," must love Fieri: He brings in male viewers, a rarity for food shows. Guy explains: "I've been getting lots of e-mail from women who have made their boyfriends watch the show. And they say the guys actually like it."

The women do, too — thus the big ratings.

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at NewsMann@sonic.net



PAPPO owner and chef John Thiel, left, sits with Jackie Riley, general manger, and Donna Meadows, pastry chef.

Pappo unique as its Alameda setting

John Birdsall
CORRESPONDENT

Drive down one of its broad, leafy streets, and Alameda can seem as distant from the rest of the East Bay as Ukiah — a 19th century residential grid lined with blocky Edwardian houses and squat old palm trees.

Alameda's stayed scrappier, closer to its blue-collar roots than a lot of other, equally affluent, East Bay towns. It has the residual insularity of a military base town, not to mention an actual physical insularity, which makes it unique. Only Point Richmond, cut off from the rest of West County by a channel of freeway,

comes close to feeling as isolated. But it's not just that Alameda is an island — it has a distinct commercial culture, too. From funky Lucky Ju Ju with its vintage pinball machines and aging bikers, to the sturdy, antique German grub at Speisekammer, Alameda feels quirky and intensely local, crammed with sepia-washed anachronisms.

Here, any new restaurant has to fit in. Or fail.

Maybe it was a subconscious play to appeal to Alameda's culture of the old-fashioned or not, but when it came time to pick a name for his restaurant, owner John Thiel couldn't get more old-

fashioned than Latin. Thiel reached back to an early language class to pull out "pappo," which means "to eat."

"Latin is the root of all Romance languages," Thiel says. "I knew I didn't want any French or Italian or Spanish name. Nothing that would pigeonhole us."

He had plenty of time to think about what he wanted. Thiel says he's wanted to have his own restaurant ever since, as a teenager, he snagged a job washing dishes at an ice cream shop in Oakland's Montclair district. With single-mindedness both rare and endearing, Thiel pursued a strategy of mastering the

small restaurant, from the kitchen to the front of the house. "I wanted to get as many tools under my tool belt as I could," Thiel says.

And what tools he picked up. Thiel learned to cook at the California Culinary Academy and on the kitchen line at Oakland's Bay-Wolf, a prototype of the ingredients-driven neighborhood restaurant, elegant and laid-back in equal parts. He was an early general manager at another prototype restaurant, Delfina, the first pop in San Francisco's electric New Italian cooking movement.

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MASSIVE TREES abound as the pint-sized steam train takes visitors on a 12-minute ride around Tilden Park in Berkeley. Kids and adults will enjoy the smells and sounds of a time long gone. Below, families settle in for their adventure.

Tilden trains a slice of railroad history

Why it's cool: The Redwood Valley Railway line that steams atmospherically through Berkeley's Tilden Park is a pint-sized blast from the past. Add with a suitably dressed train engineer and that awesome steam whistle, it's a little slice of railroad heaven, particularly for Thomas the Tank Engine enthusiasts.

But this small, narrow-gauge railway, which attracts thousands of visitors a month, represents more than just a cool outing. It actually began more than half a century ago as the passionate hobby of a Western Pacific Railway engineer.

Dismayed by the demise of steam railroads in the 1940s, mechanical engineer Erich Thomsen joined a preservationist group that was trying to save locomotives from the scrap heap. (Some of those locomotives are in the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento today.)

But Thomsen wanted to preserve more than engines. He wanted to preserve the railway

THE BASICS

WHERE: Tilden Park Steam Trains, just off Grizzly Peak Boulevard on Lomas Cantadas Road, Berkeley.

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays; noon to 5 p.m. on weekdays, through Labor Day.

TICKETS: \$2 per ride or \$8 for a five-ride family ticket; children under 2 ride free.

CONTACT: 510-549-6100, www.redwoodvalleyrailway.com or www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden.htm.

experience. So he built a vintage, small-scale replica, his very own Redwood Valley Railway, to take passengers of all ages on a 12-minute, 1.25-mile jaunt through the Berkeley hills, steam whistle a-blowing.

What kids like: Model trains are all well and good, but you can actually ride these. And the sights, smells and tooting whistle add up to a sweet little adventure for



even the smallest kids.

What parents like: This narrow-gauge railway has been taking families on mini-excursions for more than half a century. If you grew up in the Bay Area, chances are you rode these trains when you were a tot, too. This is a great outing for the younger set, and you can even bring your well-behaved dog (on a leash, of

course).

Afterward: Bring a picnic and explore Tilden Park's beautiful meadows and hiking trails.

Parking tips: There's a parking lot with free parking adjacent to the train line. Get maps and directions online at www.redwoodvalleyrailway.com.

— Jackie Burrell, staff writer, jburrell@cctimes.com



SUSAN KUCHINSKAS
On the Arts

Pinole's Pinole Youth Musical auditions

IT'S OPEN AUDITION time for Pinole Youth Musical. There are plenty of dancing and acting roles for the school-age through high school thespians who are looking for a challenge. "Pippin" tells the story of Charlemagne's oldest son, who wanders through the world of politics, love, and violence before the true meaning of his life is revealed. The Broadway musical, written by Stephen Schwartz, will be performed by the Pinole Community Theatre in September and October.

"We are looking for an amazing cast of young dancers and actors from throughout the Bay Area. We will bring their uniqueness and special talents to the stage," says director.

Auditions are Monday, Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Community Playhouse, Tennent Ave., Pinole. Sing in your key — ready to dance. An amazing cast of young dancers and actors from throughout the Bay Area will bring their uniqueness and special talents to the stage," says director.

GEEK DREAMS: Photographer, a geographer, a stenographer, an obsessive professions, their kids and, uh, Canada, in a photographer's Dream. The Stage in Berkeley. The Bock play was some local blockbuster with Theatre Company plays in 2005. The new production in collaboration with the Shotgun Players, by Anne Kauffman, the verbal synopsist mark of Bock's work.

Bock will lead a conversation with the every night of the first performances, July 27 show runs at The Ashby 1901 Ashby Ave. at 8 p.m., with the performance Sept. 3 tickets are \$15 Thursday, \$20 Saturday day. All subsequent tickets are \$20 Wednesday, \$30 Friday, \$25 Sunday. Reservations are strongly encouraged. For reservations information, go to www.westcoasttheatre.org, www.encorespan.org or call 510-410-1010.

The ambitious Shotgun Players opens its latest theatrical production, "The Last Days of Pompeii," on Saturday. This is an apocalyptic Norse uses music and puppetry to tell the story of the fall of the city of Pompeii, the giant, and the Giants.

"Ragnarok" runs at 4 p.m. in John H. H. Berkeley. Bring a picnic and cushions.

THE NEW LITTLE: Cirque du Soleil not invented the circus; it's a circus performance a reer for those not bored in their veins. The Pickle Family Circus made jugglery and acrobatics cool for local.

The Circus Center farm team for the Circus Center. You can thrill to dare exploits and see the next generation of Circus in "Vertigo," a San Francisco production at the San Francisco Theatre. Set in the year 2344, the show follows a young urban survivalist who, with a gang of robot competition includes aerial hoops, a pole, hoop-diving, other crazy acrobatics to friendship and community.

"Vertigo" plays only on Saturday. Tickets are available door, at \$13 for adults, \$8 for children. Information at www.juliamorgan.org.

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Section D

The all-new Kia Optima offers spacious room, value, performance

BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

to Honda Accord and Toyota Camry. The all-new Optima is every bit as good as your best-selling sedans. The 2006.5 Optima looks the part of a real four-door that appeals to most sedan buyers: not too expensive, in well with the crowd, may even be boring. But this South Korean does not disappoint in the areas that counts — performance, value, comfort and convenience.

The Optima is well contented, comfortably priced starting at \$16,355, and available in four trims equipped with four- and V6 engines. My tester was a four-cylinder Optima EX with a five-speed automatic transmission at a starting price of \$19,395.

Executives told me they expect the four-cylinder version of the Optima to be the seller over the V6 by 80 percent. I think this because the torque characteristics of the smaller engine make the car a fun-to-drive car.

I can't take their word for it. I drove the four-cylinder and V-6 sedans and I was liking the quick responsiveness of the smaller engine — and higher mpg. It gets 24 miles per gallon in the city and 34 mpg on the highway compared to the V6's 22/30 mpg, respectively. The EX tester had a 16-valve, 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine with a torque rating that is higher than the horsepower rating. Normally you don't see this in a car. The EX produced 163 pounds-foot of torque and 161 horsepower. When I applied the gas the Optima was quick to respond. My firm, steady foot on the pedal and highway passing generated lots of fun. The four-cylinder as I asked it to get up speed. However, when driving speeds, the Optima offered a very quiet ride. It was surprising how easy it was to be traveling at 80 mph in a comfortable Optima. In this quiet ride, I realized I was going to watch the speedometer. The 24-valve 2.7-liter V6 engine pro-



MOTOR MATTERS



THE OPTIMA IS WELL contented, competitively priced and available in four trims equipped with four-cylinder and V6 engines.

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duces 185 horsepower and 182 pounds-foot of torque. Prices for the Optima V6 range from \$19,345 to \$20,400. Included as standard equipment in all Optima models are six airbags: dual front, front seat-mounted side-impact airbags and full-length side curtain airbags. A tire pressure monitoring system is also standard. Optional safety features are the anti-lock brakes (\$300) and a stability control system with traction control (\$300).

Standard comfort and convenience features included in the base price of my tester were automatic climate control, an eight-way power adjustable driver's seat, heated sideview mirrors, power windows, mirrors and door locks, remote keyless entry, cruise control, leather-wrapped steering wheel with tilt/telescope steering column and an Infinity AM/FM/MP3/

KIA OPTIMA EX

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, front-wheel midsize sedan
Suggested Retail	\$19,395
Price As Tested	\$22,095
Engine Type	16-valve DOHC 4-cylinder w/MPFI
Horsepower	161 @ 5,800 rpm
Torque	163 @ 4,250 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	107 inches
Height	58 inches
Curb Weight	3,179 pounds
Fuel Capacity	16 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 24/34

CD/Cassette player. This was a very impressive standard content list on a car priced below \$20,000.

My Optima did have the optional Leather Package, which included heated front seats, adjustable foot pedals and a

rear window sunshade for \$1,300. The EX tester also had a power sunroof (\$800).

Compared to last year's Optima, the all-new model is roomier for all passengers. I took note of the spacious rear seat

legroom. The 2006.5 Optima has a longer wheelbase and wider track, giving it not only more interior room, but also an athletic, aggressive stance. Buyers who are test-driving the Camry, Accord, Ford Fusion, Chevy Malibu or Nissan Altima should think about adding the Optima to their test-drive lists.

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1954 Corvette purchased in bits and pieces

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

Like many teen-agers years ago, Ernesto Gonzalez would go to the Chevrolet dealership in September and October each year to see the new cars and if he got lucky, he'd see a new Corvette.

Eventually, Gonzalez was able to purchase a new Corvette in 1977. As the like-new car approaches 30 years of age, the odometer registers 6,000 miles — averaging about 200 miles per year.

In 1999, as he was approaching retirement, he thought a project car would be fun and challenging. He enjoyed his 1977 'Vette, but the idea of restoring and assembling a car was intriguing.

The search was brief. A newspaper ad offered a 1954 Corvette for sale about 55 miles away. A car from the second year of production was a plus as far as Gonzalez was concerned.

He cleverly mentioned the ad to his wife Patricia, bringing her into his conspiracy, on a Friday. "She suggested that I call," Gonzalez says. Upon telephoning the seller, he was informed that the car was in pieces. "It was all over the living room, all over the bedroom, under the bed and there were pieces just all over

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the house," he was told by the wife of the seller.

Gonzalez had envisioned a complete car and he quickly told the seller's wife that he was not interested.

"The next day my wife suggested that we go see the car," Gonzalez says. This time the husband was at home. He had previously restored another 1954 Corvette and won a Bloomington Gold Certificate with the car. Gonzalez knew that certificate means that he had restored the car back to original with excellence.

The seller said that he had begun to restore the second 1954 Corvette but now wanted to sell it and he assured Gonzalez that even though it was dismantled it was a complete car.

Gonzalez and his wife returned the next day and looked over the rolling chassis and thousands of parts in boxes. "We looked, and talked, and looked and finally decided to buy the car," Gonzalez says. Sometimes you just have to take a leap of faith.

Two weeks later, Gonzalez and his wife returned and spent about 10

hours gathering parts and labeling and packing a multitude of boxes into his pickup. The chassis and body would be delivered later.

Gonzalez' wife then suggested that a spare bedroom would be a good place to store the car parts. The parts would be in a controlled environment and that's where many of them would be for the next five and a half years.

It's rewarding to purchase a car from a trustworthy seller. Months after he bought the Corvette, Gonzalez would receive a call from the seller saying he had found another part (or parts) for the car and would bring them to him.

Gonzalez says the restoration some days consumed two hours while other days were 15 hours long. "All told," he says, "some 13,200 hours, a few bucks, lots of sweat, determination, wife's understanding and the car was finished."

The Blue Flame six-cylinder engine and Powerglide transmission had undergone rejuvenation prior to the sale to Gonzalez. Three side-draft carburetors feed fuel to the engine. The biggest disappointment to Gonzalez was the reconfigured front fender to accommodate four headlights. The entire front clip,

everything forward of the windshield, was replaced.

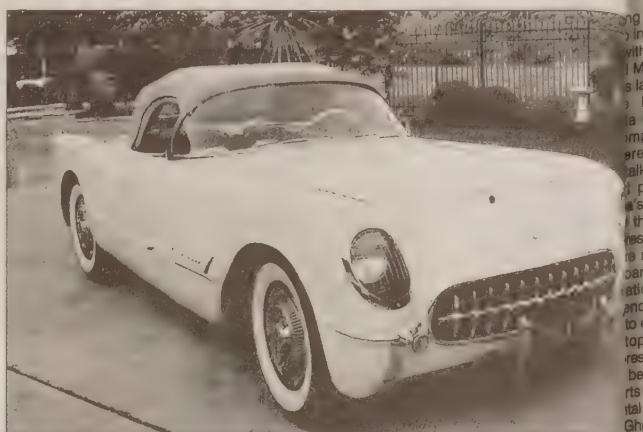
Gonzalez believes the history of his car after it left the GM factory in St. Louis includes origins in Oklahoma before stretches in Louisiana

and then Texas. During restoration, close attention must be paid to manufacturing dates.

Although 1953, 1954 and 1955 Corvettes appear identical, General Motors was making minor changes during all three years. Changes were made in painted parts vs. chrome-plated parts, or bullet-shaped air cleaners vs. two-port air cleaners, or slotted screws

vs. bolts. For the true aficionado, each product must match the manufacturer or the car is incorrect.

For your car to be a subject of the Classic Car Club, send a photo (frontal view), brief details and photo of Vern Parker, 2221 Aztec Vienna, VA 22181. One good quality will be



ERNESTO GONZALEZ SAYS, regarding his 1954 Corvette, "All told, some 13,200 hours, lots of sweat, determination, wife's understanding and the car was finished."

There are exceptions to replacing tires on an all-wheel drive

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 2004 Cadillac Escalade with all-wheel drive that has 26,000 miles on it. I recently had to replace my right front tire after hitting a curb, so I replaced both front tires. The man at the tire store said I might have to replace all four because I have all-wheel drive and if I don't it could harm the drivetrain. The back tires look good. What do you think? — Brian

Dear Brian: At 26,000 miles, as long as the tires are in good condition and not worn more than 30 percent, a two-tire replacement should be fine. This is the case with large SUVs, such as your Escalade. It's true however, that on small vehicles with all-wheel drive with 20,000-plus miles, any tire replacement should be to all four to prevent drivetrain damage.

Dear Doctor: I am in the process of purchasing either a Camry SE V6 or Honda LX V6. Your opinion would be greatly appreciated. — Doug

Dear Doug: Both vehicles have good track records. The decision will be based on your personal likings. I suggest you also look at the Chevrolet Impala.

Dear Doctor: My engine will not start after sitting for a couple of days without a jump-start. Once I jump it the car runs fine, until it sits for a couple of days again. — Dennis

Dear Dennis: First step: check the battery with a load tester and hydrometer. If the battery checks out good, then there is something draining power from the battery with the key off. Next: hook up an amp meter to the battery and check for parasitic drain. The maximum drain for older cars is 50 mil-

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lamps. A bad alternator or small glove box or trunk light is often the culprit.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2005 Toyota Camry LE with a four-cylinder engine. The speedometer reads 4 mph faster than the car is actually going at all speeds. I have been back to Toyota and even spoken with the factory representative and they say the speedometer is within the tolerances allowed. They also said there are no adjustments to correct this condition. Do I have any recourse? — John

Dear John: You are not the first person to complain about speedometer error. I see this problem on vehicles we test on our shop dynamometer. The speedometer registers 3 to 6 mph faster than the dynamometer reads. The good side of this is you are less likely to get a speeding

ticket. The only truly accurate speedometers would be found in police vehicles, which are calibrated. If you were to increase the size of the tires to plus one, the larger diameter would slow the speedometer down. We often use performance hand-held programmers to change computer parameters to compensate different tire diameters, as well as performance upgrades.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1988 Chevrolet Celebrity with 145,000 miles. Within the last year on four occasions when I turned the key to start, nothing happened. There was no noise at all, but if I waited about 20 minutes and tried again, the engine started right up. — Jack

Dear Jack: You need to know if there is ample voltage at the starter when you are trying to start the engine. If correct voltage is at the starter, then look at a faulty starter. I have replaced a lot of starter motors for customers with the same complaint. Also, have the technician remove and clean both posi-

tive and negative connections at battery block and starter.

Dear Doctor: My wife always wanted to own a Jaguar convertible. Do you have any information and or have you driven the new 2007 Jaguar XK? Is there any room in the trunk and what about wind noise with the soft top on the highway? — Harvey

Dear Harvey: I recently spent a week driving the new Jaguar XK convertible. The car was a joy to drive under all conditions. The engine has ample power with a great exhaust tone. The old J-Gate shift is history. Paddle shift levers on the steering wheel are easy to shift up and down. The transmission is very smooth and the insulated soft top is very quiet at highway speeds. Over broken pavement, there is no shake or shudder. This is a great rock-solid convertible.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Nissan Quest minivan with 77,000 miles, which I purchased new. The owner's manual says the timing belt should be replaced at 105,000

miles. I have been told that age of the vehicle is also a consideration on timing belt replacement. What would you advise on the timing belt replacement? — John

Dear John: The 105,000 miles timing belt replacement is due.

However, you have for the year of the vehicle, recommend a maximum seven years on the timing belt replacement.

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Motor oil hints

BY WARREN BROWN
THE WASHINGTON POST

■ Do not be alarmed when motor oil turns black, which can happen long before the oil's protection value is used up. Engine combustion produces soot, and other byproducts disperse throughout the oil, turning it dark. But if the oil is thick and dark, that means its contaminant-dispersant qualities have diminished and that it should be changed.

■ You can mix most synthetic oils with conventional motor oils inasmuch as both currently are derived from crude oil-based fluids. But be careful with new-generation synthetics that could contain non-crude-derived chemicals.

■ High-mileage oils generally contain either more or higher-quality seal conditioners to help protect valve seals in older cars — typically those five years old, or with 75,000 miles of use.

■ Daily commuting constitutes severe, stop-and-go driving, short trips and lengthy idling, all of which put extra strain on your engine. Regular long-distance highway driving is easier on most engines, thanks to better combustion of fuels and constant engine cooling in steady travel. Change oil more frequently for severe driving. Change it less frequently if most of your driving is on the highway. Consult your owner's manual for recommended oil change intervals.

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GM should not consider merge with Japan/France auto group

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

ing this normally slow news time in industry, the grapevine is buzzing with noise of a possible alliance of Motors, Nissan and Renault.

Large shareholder, Las Vegas billionaire Kirk Kerkorian through his Corp., suggested in letters to companies that such an alliance be And when the giant shared, the General listens, as it did put on its board of directors Jerome York, who likely spear the idea of an alliance.

representatives of GM and Nissan-R meeting and studying together, rately, to explore possibilities of tion. GM's chief financial officer, nderson, reportedly is heading a examine potential benefits to GM, p executives have confided to ees don't exist. The companies are eeking particularly at automot procurement, as well as envil and safety technologies. Further, Ghosn, CEO of Renault and Nissan, eduled to meet GM CEO Rick Wag month in Detroit.

Whoson, in fact, who the 89-year-old an appears to want from the al- Kerkorian apparently is impatient agoner's seemingly slow progress g around GM. For his part, Wag- ably thought he was off the hot a bit when he won a vote of con- from the board this spring and ecently when more than the num- employees expected agreed to take youts. But that apparently isn't for Kerkorian. Indeed, GM always is moving fast, but its idea of fast al by comparison.

time, Ghosn, who recently became ooth Renault and Nissan, has had e experience in alliances. He has and continues to play a vital role in ally seemed an unlikely alliance an Japan's Nissan and France's Re- the two own stakes in each other. So has been hailed as a success.

er, Ghosn is credited with the turn- of Nissan, although that turnaround o be backsliding now that Ghosn en over Renault as well. Sales in , that skyrocketed due to head-turn- ing during Ghosn's reign have d during a drought of new product. es of Nissan's newer models have ead quality issues and its second- on designs, unveiled at recent auto ppear more evolutionary than dar- ile Nissan is onto chapter two, s focused on revitalizing Renault, hich continue to slide in Europe. any hopes to do no better than them during this year, a time of

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transition, Ghosn says.

Wall Street apparently loves the idea of a potential GM-Nissan-Renault alliance. Most investment firms have either raised GM's outlook rating or placed the stock on watch for possible upgrade. GM's stock is up dramatically from its extreme lows in May.

Perhaps I'm missing something, but I don't see the synergy. I see virtually no product synergies, which for me is the most critical. And those kinds of synergistic compatibilities take time to develop. Just witness Daimler and Chrysler; it's taken them about seven years to capitalize on the pairing. In addition, I see a bunch of bureaucracies that would have to be sorted through to eliminate redundancies. Work would be at a standstill as everyone frets about saving his or her jobs. Bottom line: an alliance would be long and time-consuming — time that none of the fragile companies could afford.

It also strikes me that despite his successes with Nissan, Ghosn has yet to fully prove himself. He has yet to turn around

Renault. And I've often wondered if he is another Lee Iacocca, who thrives on turnarounds, but grows bored with everyday operations.

What I've long argued is that GM needs to do what Ghosn did at Nissan. There, he laid out a very specific and far-reaching recovery plan, aimed at cost-cutting as well as sales, market share and profit growth. He spelled out a future product plan and stuck to it. He detailed specific sales and profit goals so everyone knew where the goal posts were. Having achieved its goals, Nissan is now onto the next chapter with yet another highly specific three-year plan.

GM has never laid out such specifics, at least not publicly. I only hope it has internally, though I doubt it or it would have been leaked. To lay out such a plan, GM would have to fire its planners who have done an absolutely lousy job of predicting the company's sales and market share and executives who have failed to see — much less capitalize on — consumer trends, most notably the hybrid.

GM doesn't need Carlos Ghosn; it needs to steal a page from his playbook — and fast.



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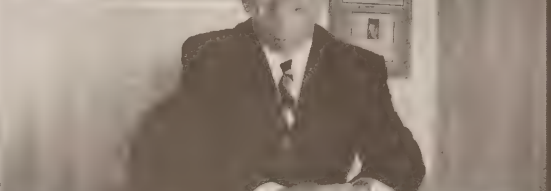
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Chevy getting ready to rev up its Cobalt SS

BY HERB SHULDINER
MOTOR MATTERS

Itching for an opportunity to jump into a high-performance car and learn how to drive like a racecar professional? For \$50 you can buy seat time in one of Chevrolet's hot SS models and compete for a chance to win a Cobalt SS in the national Rev It Up competition.

"Rev It Up gets race fans off the couch and onto the race course," says Chevrolet General Manager Ed Paper. "It's a perfect fit." Of course, Chevrolet also wants to expose participants to its portfolio of hot cars ranging from the Cobalt SS to the fabled Corvette.

RIU kicks off on the weekend of July 22-23 at the El Toro Marine Base, south of Los Angeles. Then on successive weekends RIU will be run at the Lone Star Park in Dallas, Texas, on July 29-30; Hialeah Park Racetrack in Miami, Fla., on Aug. 5-6; Balmoral Park Racetrack in Chicago on Aug. 12-13; Belmont Park Racetrack in New York on Aug. 19-20 and FedEx Field in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 26-27.

It's best to sign up early because there are a limited number of time slots available to participants. The sponsors recommend that drivers sign up at least a fortnight in advance at www.RevItUpRacing.com. Signing up online two weeks in advance saves \$5 off the entrance fee. Participants must be over 18 years old and have a current driver's license.

DOWN THE ROAD

RIU takes place whether it's rainy or sunny. For spectators who want to watch or root for one of the drivers, admission is free. There will also be an opportunity to drive Chevy's lineup of SS models.

Just because you sign up doesn't mean you can just jump into the seat of a car and speed through the courses. First, participants have to attend an orientation course to learn the rules of the competition. Then participants can practice in five skills clinics designed to teach performance driving.

Car control, tire dynamics, braking techniques and racing line analysis are some of the subjects reviewed in the skills clinics. Race professionals who have taught at some of the world's top racing schools lead two of the clinics. Regardless of whether you win on the racecourse, the skills clinics can also make you a better driver on conventional roads.

There are three twisty practice courses at each location supervised by instructors who provide feedback and tips that can help drivers improve their race times. Each lap is electronically timed so that RIU drivers can track their performance.

Participants can run seven laps on the driving clinic courses, but only one



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AT THE END OF AUGUST, the participant with the best overall score is named king or queen of this year's competition and receives a brand-new Chevy Cobalt SS.

free lap is allowed at the practice-driving clinic. However, you can purchase additional laps if you want more practice. For an additional fee, RIU drivers and visitors alike can ride shotgun in a 505-horsepower Corvette Z06 driven by a professional racer.

This experience offers an opportunity to see how a pro controls the sports car and brakes through the corners. Participants can also see how

the pro handles apexes in the road and when to floor it on the straightaways. You might pick up some valuable insights into how a pro handles extreme driving situations.

RIU posts participant driving times on the event Web site after each leg of the tour. At the end of August, the participant with the best overall score is named king or queen of this year's competition. Best of all, the best

score rewards the driver with a brand-new Chevy Cobalt SS.

Mazda sponsored the RIU competition in previous summers. But when it became available this year, GM executives jumped at the opportunity to sponsor the program to promote Chevrolet performance models. A Chevy spokesman says that RIU is a perfect venue for the brand to show off its hot SS models.

Protect yourself from auto theft and break-ins

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — It's important to take extra precautions to protect your car around the holidays, since vehicles filled with expensive holiday purchases can make the payoff extra sweet for a car thief.

According to claim statistics from State Farm, which insures more vehicles than any other company in the United States, nearly 7,000 customers reported their cars stolen between Thanksgiving and the end of the year in 2004. That means almost 200 customers experienced a stolen car every day during the holidays last year. State Farm also receives thousands of reports of automobile break-ins during the holidays.

"At the State Farm Vehicle Research Facility, we work with the major automakers to influence design changes that will help to deter thieves. We regularly dismantle new automobile models and report back to the manufacturers

on ways they can make their cars harder to steal, safer and easier to repair," said Earl Hyser, superintendent of the State Farm Vehicle Research Facility. "Although dozens upon dozens of anti-theft improvements influenced by State Farm are on the road today, drivers must still take it upon themselves to make their vehicle an unattractive target." Hyser, a recognized industry expert on automobile theft prevention, says drivers can decrease their chance of becoming a victim by following some simple tips that will make their vehicle less attractive to steal.

The State Farm Vehicle Research Facility recommends a layered approach to keeping yourself from becoming an auto theft or break-in victim:

- Lock your car and take the keys with you.
- Never leave the car running with the keys in the ignition, even for just a minute or two.

- Never hide a key in or around your car. Thieves know where to find them.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Keep valuables, such as bags full of gifts out of sight. Be mindful of cell phones, CDs, wallets and other

valuables you might leave in the storage areas around the driver's compartment.

- Lock both your garage and your car inside.
- To prevent towing thefts:

- If parking on the street, turn the wheels toward the curb and set your parking brake.
- If parking in a lot or driveway front-wheel drive cars should pull into the space normally (front-first), rear-wheel drive cars should back into the space. Apply the parking brake and lock the vehicle.
- If you live in a high-crime

area, consider buying an additional theft protection device.

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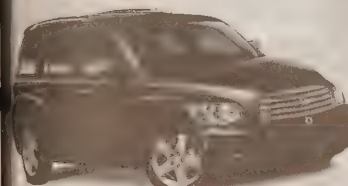
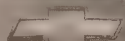


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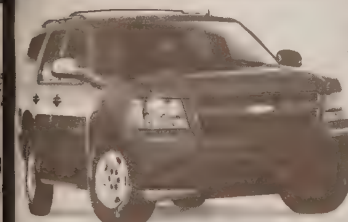
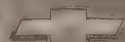


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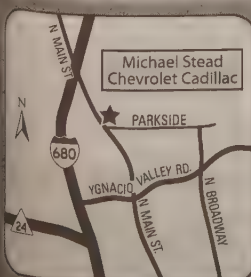


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Illuminating road hazards that lurk beyond lights

BY IAN AUSTEN

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE
Driving at night, a stressful experience for many people, is also more dangerous than daytime motoring. According to the Department of Transportation, slightly more than 10 percent of all fatal accidents in the United States in 2004 occurred between midnight and 6 a.m., a period that accounts for only about 2.4 percent of daily traffic volume.

Today's technology cannot do much about two of the factors that lead to the perils of night driving: more drunken drivers on the road and drowsiness that often sets in when the sun goes down. But a new generation of devices that improve a driver's ability to see in the dark, originally developed for military use and now a staple of action films and evening news reports, offers a better chance of spotting dangers hidden beyond the reach of the headlights beams.

Cadillac introduced night-vision technology for civilian vehicles in its 2004-model DeVille, but the feature did not catch on with customers and was discontinued after five years. Lexus, which offers a \$2,200 night-vision option on its LX470 sport utility vehicle, has found relatively few buyers in the system in the United States; Honda offers the technology on its Accord in Japan but not on the similar Acura RL sold here.

That sales resistance has not de-

tered BMW and Mercedes-Benz from introducing night-vision systems for their flagship sedans. BMW began offering one as an option on the 7 Series in Europe this fall, and Mercedes will make the technology available as an option when its redesigned S-Class sedan goes on sale here in February.

All night-vision systems form their images by detecting light in the infrared part of the spectrum — the electromagnetic energy radiated when any object is heated — which is invisible to human eyes. Even so, not all infrared is the same.

BMW, like Cadillac and the military, chose to develop a passive night vision system. Despite its name, passive is the more complex and costly technology because it relies on specialized cameras that can intensify the infrared images they receive.

Lexus and Mercedes, however, favor active night vision. Cars using this design are equipped with two extra halogen headlights that have the intensity and aim of a high beam but which are filtered to emit only infrared rays. A fairly conventional digital camera, adjusted to see only infrared wavelengths, captures the light reflected from objects ahead.

Much as advocates of Microsoft Windows square off against users of Apple Macintosh operating systems, each side is adamant that it has the best answer.

According to the Department of Transportation, slightly more than 20 percent of all fatal accidents in the United States in 2004 occurred between midnight and 6 a.m., a period that accounts for only about 2.4 percent of daily traffic volume.

"We looked at all the other systems, which were basically passive systems," Jorge Breuer, senior manager for active safety systems at Mercedes, said. "We decided that the image quality from the passive systems is much worse than active systems."

Frank Schloeder, a BMW spokesman in Munich, has a different view. "For use in cars to detect animals and people, the best system is far infrared," he said, using another term for passive designs. "People can recognize pedestrians much quicker and it gives about double the distance."

Siemens VDO Automotive, an electronics supplier, has developed both types of systems. Bert Wolfram, vice president for automotive information systems, said that after three years of research it found neither system was conclusively better.

"We have both," said Wolfram, who is based in Auburn Hills, Mich. "But we don't see a clear

thread about which way this is going to go."

Images from active systems, which in the Mercedes are displayed on an eight-inch liquid crystal panel behind the steering wheel, look much like ordinary black-and-white television pictures. Breuer compares the effect to having a set of high-beam headlights that can be left on continuously without blinding oncoming drivers.

The problem with passive systems, and their appeal, is that the images are unlike anything in the natural world. Warm objects — pedestrians, exhaust systems, a moose — glow brightly while the road surface and anything else that is cool fades into blackness. And since infrared radiation extends beyond the physical dimensions of a warm object, a fuzzy halo surrounds people and anything else at an elevated temperature.

Edward J. Zellner, who worked with Raytheon to develop night vision in his role as chief vehicle en-

gineer for the Cadillac DTS, acknowledged that viewing the images of a passive system takes a bit of adjustment, but has its rewards. "It really does highlight warm-blooded things," he said.

BMW reached much the same conclusion. "If you jump in a car with near I.R., you would say, 'That's a great picture,'" Schloeder said of the competition's approach. "But it's not good to have a good picture in the car. It's more important to reduce the image to the most relevant detail."

Because they use conventional digital camera sensors ("charge coupled devices," in photo parlance), Lexus and Mercedes are able to mount them within the car's interior, just ahead of the rear-view mirror. That gives a viewpoint close to that of a driver.

A passive camera can be overwhelmed, though, by heat generated by a car's engine or defroster, or even body heat from passengers, so such devices must be mounted outside and up front. BMW, which has not announced a release date for its system in the United States, placed its camera below the bumper. While the camera has a hardened lens that should protect it from debris, even Autoliv, the Swedish safety systems company that developed the system, acknowledges its potential vulnerability.

The camera technology, of course, is just part of a night-vision system.

"The technology itself isn't the biggest deal," Zellner said. "The biggest deal is making it easy to use and intuitive."

Only Lexus has copied Cadillac's approach of using a heads-up display to project the night camera image onto the windshield. Cost and engineering concerns (not every windshield design is suitable) played a role at BMW, which displays its image on the screen normally used for the navigation system and the iDrive system that controls many vehicle functions.

Mercedes dropped the idea of a projected image after studying motorists who drove prototype systems, instead choosing to have the display come up on the dashboard ahead of the driver. The instrument panel of the new S-Class is actually an LCD screen, which repositions the speedometer when the night vision system is turned on.

Whatever their quibbles about technology, most agree that it works and that it is most useful on unlit two-lane highways.

"If I were a rancher in Wyoming, it probably does have an advantage," said Bob Allan, education manager for Lexus College, part of Toyota's dealer-training system. "But in the suburbs where I drive there aren't many kids playing ball late at night."

Allan added: "Night vision was a first step. But there's more we can do with cameras in the future than just look down the road."

Increasing gas prices means more motorcycling

BY CHERYL JENSEN

MOTOR MATTERS
While \$3-per-gallon gasoline means high anxiety for many drivers, it means that motorcyclists will be riding their Harleys, Hondas and Yamasakis more often and for longer periods than they did a year ago, according to a new survey by National Mutual Insurance.

Put that together with two other trends, and getting out a message about safety becomes increasingly urgent.

Sales of new motorcycles are increasing, which means, of course, trying to share the road with larger objects such as cars, trucks and sport utility vehicles. Perhaps not surprisingly, motorcycling fatalities have been increasing each year for the last seven

DOWN THE ROAD

years. In 2005, 4,315 motorcyclists died, a 7.7 percent increase over the 4,008 motorcycle fatalities in 2004, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to this new survey from Nationwide, 35 percent of motorcyclists said they will ride their bikes more over the next year as a result of higher fuel prices. And they said they expect to ride for approximately 22 more hours than they did last year. And why not when motorcyclists get anywhere from 30 to 60 miles per gallon, depending on the model.

Overall, motorcyclists surveyed said they will pay \$3 to \$4 more per

gallon before they would stop riding. This survey was taken in February, when gasoline prices were lower.

How high does the price of gas have to spike before they will park that bike? Women in the Great Lakes region say they would pay \$5.36; men would pay \$5.81. In the Northeast women would spend \$4.87; men would pay \$7.37. Women in the South would pay \$4.91; men would pay \$5.68. In the West women would pay up to \$5.71; men would pay \$7.47.

With more motorcycles on the road, it is important for motorists on four wheels to be aware of — and make a conscious effort to look for — smaller vehicles, said Tom Lindsay, spokesman for the American Motorcyclists Association, which has some tips for safely sharing the road

with two-wheelers.

Look for motorcyclists not only in the summer, but all year long. Although motorcycle-riding season is limited in some regions, motorcyclists can and do ride in all kinds of weather conditions.

Before making a turn or a lane change, check all your mirrors for motorcyclists. Because they are smaller than four-wheeled vehicles, motorcyclists may be more difficult to see.

Just checking your mirrors is not enough. All vehicles have blind spots. Turn your head to check those areas before turning, changing lanes, or backing up.

It is the responsibility of all motorists to check their blind spots, Lindsay said. And all drivers, including motorcyclists, should stay

out of others' blind spots.

Motorcyclists should make themselves more conspicuous.

"It's not only what you wear but where you place your motorcycle in traffic that can make you much more conspicuous. Placing yourself where you can see all three of the mirrors of the vehicle you are following is a good rule of thumb," he said. If you can see all three mirrors, you are not in that vehicle's blind spot, Lindsay said.

Before making a turn or a lane change, use your turn signals to signal your intentions. All motorists appreciate knowing what you intend to do.

Watch your turns. Left turns are particularly dangerous, because many drivers misjudge the speed of an oncoming motorcycle. When

in doubt, wait it out.

"We tend to have an unconscious internal gauge of how fast a vehicle is approaching. And it's based on a lot of things, not the least of which is the vehicle size," Lindsay said.

Because of the small size of a motorcycle, it may appear to be approaching more slowly than most drivers believe it is.

Avoid tailgating. Since a motorcycle is a much lighter vehicle, it can stop more quickly than a light truck or a car, Lindsay said. So increase your following distance when you are behind a motorcycle.

Motorcyclists, Lindsay said, have responsibilities when sharing the road. Motorcyclists need to ride within the limits of their skills, experience and machine. They need to obey the law, and they shouldn't drink and ride, he said.

"If motorcyclists get licensed, get trained, ride within their limits and don't drink and ride, we'd have a much safer season."

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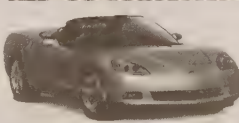
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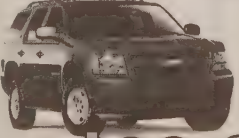
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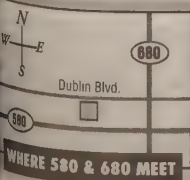
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Pontiac shows success from the top down 'A Celebration of Food, Wine, and Wheels'

BY JIM MATEJA

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Pontiac is on a streak.

With a couple months to go, it has two cars sold out for the 2006 model year: The Solstice roadster and G6 hardtop convertible.

In fairness, there should be an asterisk after the G6, since the 2006 went on sale in April, and Pontiac switched to 2007 models in June.

But consumers have handed over checks for all 5,380 cars assembled before the conversion, so Pontiac has reason to gloat.

The test for the G6 convertible is yet to come, of course. Will the numbers rise when built and sold for 12 months?

"The convertible market is fickle. We'll be able to build as many as we need for 2007, maybe 10,000 to 15,000 or we could throttle it up to 20,000. We'll see how sales go in the fall and winter," said Jace Stokes, G6 product manager.

The concern over fall/winter sales is because folks in warm-weather states aren't expected to be the ones buying the most open-top machines.

"Where we expect to make sales gains is in the Midwest, where people always want a convertible, but concerns over winter weather and safety in a rollover with a softtop are always drawbacks. With a retractable hardtop, we have that problem solved with an everyday, every-season driver."

The convertible is the final member of the G6 lineup that bowed when the sedan replaced the Grand Am for the 2005 model year.

The coupe was added last June and now the convertible. The full line is now available.

The convertible comes in GT version with a 3.5-liter, 201-horsepower V6 and four-speed automatic or GTP version with a 3.9-liter, 227-horsepower V6 and four-speed automatic. You can get a six-speed

manual with the GTP coupe and sedan but not the convertible.

We tested the GT, which is expected to account for two-thirds of sales.

The attraction of the G6 is twofold, one that it's a retractable hardtop priced less than \$30,000 in a world that usually saves that feature for more expensive cars. The Volvo C70, for example, starts just under \$40,000, and the Volkswagen EOS that comes out this fall is expected to be priced right around there too.

The other is that it seats four and so you don't have to leave the kids strapped to the chairs on the porch when you want to enjoy top-down motoring.

Push the magic button and the deck lid pops open, and the top folds and lowers into the trunk.

The sharp rake in the angle of the windshield acts like a spoiler to keep the wind flowing over the car rather than down into the cabin to let those up front enjoy open-top motoring without the wind slapping at their skulls. Those in back, however, can expect a bad hair day that could last a week.

You can listen to the radio without having to turn it up full blast and can hold a conversation with the front seat passenger without using hand signals or passing notes.

And being a hardtop, you don't have canvas flapping in the breeze when cruising with the top up and windows open.

Of course the big benefit of a hardtop convertible is that it is a year-round performer. No worry about ice and snow on canvas or keeping it in the garage during the winter.

But being a fold up metal top begs the question how long before each roof joint makes the first squeak from age.

"The industry standard is that the top open and close two times a day, every day, for 10 years or roughly 6,000 cycles," Stokes said.

"We designed ours to go 12,000 to 15,000 cycles."

The GT starts at \$27,865, the GTP at \$29,365. Other than different engines, the GTP comes with StabiliTrak stability control as standard, a feature not offered on the GT.

Ride is well cushioned, handling more than respectable thanks to wide-profile, 18-inch, radial tires that clutch the pavement in corners and turns to minimize lean and sway. The GTP suspension is performance tuned for even better grip and more sure-footed, and pinpoint handling.

The 3.5-liter V6 can dash quickly in the direction pointed and still deliver a respectable 19 m.p.g. city/27 mpg highway. The 3.9, of course, is the choice for those who want to leave the light even quicker, at the expense of only 1 mpg each in city and highway driving.

There are gripes, however. Though four adults can lounge in comfort with the top down, melon room is tight in back with it up. Long-distance travel would require a helmet for those in economy class.

The front passenger seat slides forward when you flip the seat back forward to open an aisle to the back. But occupants have to fight the front seat shoulder belt secured to the rear wall to get in or out.

To avoid being clotheslined by the belt, passengers have to lift it and duck under or step on it to hop in. Not very good alternatives in a vehicle so sophisticated it can raise or lower its metal top at the push of a button.

Another gripe is small, arrow-shaped outside mirrors that limit side vision, though Stokes insists other shapes and sizes tested were prone to wind noise.

And like the Solstice or Saturn Sky roadsters, once the top is stored, there's basically no trunk left. You can slip a couple small suit-

cases in there with the top up, but only a briefcase when it's down.

Stokes says you can pull the spare tire out of the well in the trunk to get a few more goodies in with the top down, but traveling without a spare is more of a risk than traveling without a change of shirt and pants.

Since Solstice and G6 are doing well, wouldn't that make a case for Firebird?

"It will be an interesting auto-show season (next year) for Pontiac," says Stokes, hinting that we may get a peek at yet another addition to the lineup.

Though Stokes is mum, Pontiac spokesman Jim Hopsen said: "We have no plans to revive the Firebird name, but have made no secret that if GM decides to build the Chevy Camaro, that rear-wheel-drive architecture would make a great basis for other rear-drive cars and Pontiac is interested."

Stay tuned. The '06 Pontiac G6 GT convertible starts at \$27,865. Other than remote start at \$190 and side-impact air bags at \$295, you can get out of the store for less than \$30,000 if you skip the \$2,215 premium package to get leather heated power seats, alloy wheels and upgraded sound system.

But since the '06s are sold out, you'll have to order a 2007, and it's too early for pricing.

Pluses

- A midsize hardtop convertible, which means a machine that doesn't have to be garaged when it snows.

- Seats four in comfort when most convertibles hold only two.

- Decent mileage.

- Good response from V6.

- Nice handling thanks to those wide-profile, 18-inch radials.

Minuses

- When top retracts into trunk, the trunk has the cargo capacity of the glove box.

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1015 Fresno Av - \$941,000
1429 Harmon St - \$752,000
717 Hilldale Av - \$1,190,000
1065 Keith Av - \$853,000
1634 McGee Av - \$735,000
1321 Ordway St - \$670,000
1516 Spruce St - \$920,000
1511 Virginia St - \$724,000
1809 Virginia St - \$1,000,000

EL CERRITO

642 Clayton Av - \$515,000
818 Craft Av - \$902,000
2515 Mira Vista - \$900,000

EL SOBRANTE

817 Appian Wy - \$570,000
20 Canyon Pl - \$799,000
5780 Olinda Rd - \$650,000

EMERYVILLE

1551 Brunswick Ln - \$555,000
3 Captain Dr D406 - \$335,000
5855 Horton St 720 - \$525,000

KENNINGTON

636 Wellesley - \$815,000

OAKLAND

1004 104th Av - \$490,000
2108 108th Av - \$475,000
821 13th St - \$411,000
2310 25th Av - \$670,000
850 31st St - \$500,000
3814 35th Av - \$550,000
1220 39th Av - \$500,000
384 42nd St - \$482,000
374 49th St - \$554,000
2020 50th Av - \$465,000
2208 50th Av - \$465,000
2963 55th Av - \$467,000
557 59th St - \$350,000
559 59th St - \$550,000
623 60th St - \$563,000
373 63rd St - \$430,000
434 65th St - \$825,000
1460 68th Av - \$435,000
893 70th Av - \$380,000
1088 75th Av - \$460,000

1541 76th Av - \$360,000
1255 77th Av - \$600,000
1327 83rd Av - \$447,000
2538 83rd Av - \$492,000
1614 8th Av - \$400,000
1446 96th Av - \$495,000
585 9th St 313 - \$460,000
585 9th St 427 - \$293,000
585 9th St 502 - \$363,500
585 9th St 521 - \$466,500
585 9th St 629 - \$355,500
972 Alleen St - \$670,000
3819 Allendale - \$500,000
536 Almanza Dr - \$424,000
633 Alvarado - \$1,650,000
1077 Ardmore Av - \$1,175,000
2090 Arrowhead Dr - \$785,000
1154 Bayview Av - \$615,000
313 Bowman Ct - \$722,500
10733 Breed Av - \$475,000
5290 B'way Tr 203 - \$535,000
9419 C St - \$316,000
5639 Cabot Dr - \$855,000
610 Canyon Oaks D - \$433,000
620 Canyon Oaks F - \$500,000
640 Canyon Oaks F - \$459,000
5667 Carberry Av - \$599,000
6125 Chabot Rd - \$1,333,000
9529 Cherry St - \$410,000
3103 Chestnut 128 - \$569,000
71 City Limits Cr - \$625,000
930 Clay St M - \$390,000
6030 Colby St - \$795,000
338 Covington St - \$570,000
455 Crescent St - \$349,000
2500 Delmer St - \$675,000
5119 Desmond St - \$735,000
425 E. 11th St 24 - \$419,000
1044 E. 19th St - \$463,000
1904 E. 21st St - \$442,000
907 E. 21st St - \$550,000
630 E. Canyon Oaks - \$470,000
640 E. Canyon Oaks - \$446,000
1042 Elbert St - \$975,000
9905 Empire Rd - \$455,000
525 Forest St - \$940,000
6144 Fremont St - \$360,000
3868 Fruitvale Av - \$653,000
3969 Fruitvale Av - \$825,000
209 Gannon Rd - \$450,000
8332 Golf Links Rd - \$575,000
3207 Hannah St - \$415,000
2461 Highland Av - \$469,000
10 Hillcrest Ct - \$799,500
156 Hunter Av - \$410,000
3235 Hyde St - \$505,000
168 John St - \$830,000
10476 June Ct - \$405,000
2701 Kingsland - \$500,000
9841 Koford Rd - \$446,500
1609 Leimert Bl - \$1,180,000
6400 Longcroft - \$1,063,000
6730 MacArthur Bl - \$410,000
695 Mariposa 302 - \$459,000
5550 Marshall St - \$507,500
849 Milton St - \$390,000
3001 Morcom Av - \$570,000
3301 Nicol Av - \$570,000
11 Observation - \$1,935,000
425 Orange St 303 - \$279,000
294 Perkins St - \$650,000
927 Pine St - \$365,000
717 Rand Av - \$780,000
4457 Reinhardt Dr - \$680,000
4820 Reinhardt Dr - \$641,000
177 Ridgeway Av - \$725,000
184 Sheridan Rd - \$1,350,000
3524 Simmons St - \$375,000
5879 Skyline Bl - \$900,000
13225 Slope Crest - \$785,000
1419 Sunshine Ct - \$450,000
682 Sycamore St - \$420,000
7062 Thornhill Dr - \$1,270,000
1206 Trestle Glen Rd - \$640,000

3624 Victor Av - \$750,000
2021 West St - \$725,000

PIEDMONT

135 Arbor Dr - \$1,415,000
201 Crocker Av - \$3,625,000
331 Magnolia Av - \$925,000
488 Moraga Av - \$670,000
79 Sandringham - \$2,350,000
40 Seibome Dr - \$1,525,000
233 St. James Dr - \$1,275,000
1888 Trestle Glen - \$1,300,000

RICHMOND

615 15th St 617 - \$560,000
231 15th St - \$400,000
623 15th St - \$388,000
209 1st St - \$357,000
404 21st St - \$370,000
5408 Ace Ct - \$564,000
2736 Andrade Av - \$410,000
3328 Brentwood - \$609,000
322 Commodore - \$525,000
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5349 Eagle Ct - \$563,500
5012 Escalon Cr - \$777,500
5025 Escalon Cr - \$727,500
5342 Gallery Ct - \$630,000
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1532 Santa Clara St - \$517,000
106 Seaview Ct - \$1,108,500
4620 Setting Sun - \$585,000
317 S. 27th St - \$450,000
416 S. 38th St - \$377,000
169 S. 38th St - \$332,000
429 Verde Av - \$399,000
1332 Visalia 1334 - \$535,000
5508 Vista Ct - \$862,000

SAN LEANDRO

1316 147th Av - \$536,500
1934 Campbell Av - \$575,000
1400 Carpenter 404 - \$383,000
1579 Carpenter St - \$409,000
14994 Crosby St - \$600,000
1458 Fairmont Dr - \$444,000
15096 Fleming St - \$550,000
150 Georgia Wy - \$516,000
1132 Melcher St - \$515,000
14416 Seagate Dr - \$488,000
1788 Thornton Pl - \$615,000
13884 Tortuga Rd - \$650,000
2077 Washington 215 - \$269,000
224 W. Broadmoor - \$515,000
15217 Willey St - \$555,000
840 Woodgate Dr - \$465,000

SAN LORENZO

1952 Bandoni Av - \$640,000
16893 Genevieve Pl - \$600,000
233 Loma Verde Dr - \$408,000
16747 Meekland Av - \$579,000
17422 Via Julia - \$580,000
813 Via Manzanar - \$525,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$415,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,276,500

MEDIAN PRICE: \$750,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$766,267

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$555,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$710,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$632,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$557,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,190,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$724,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$773,633

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$515,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$902,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$900,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$772,333

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$570,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$799,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$673,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$335,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$555,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$525,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$471,667

KENNINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$815,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 106
LOWEST PRICE: \$279,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,935,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$500,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$601,807

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$670,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,625,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,415,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,635,625

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 33
LOWEST PRICE: \$269,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,108,500

MEDIAN PRICE: \$500,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$524,000

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST PRICE: \$289,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$516,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$555,000

SAN LORENZO


TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$408,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$840,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$580,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$555,000

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As GM and Ford cut jobs and close plants, their smaller rivals are in their strongest shape ever. The Next Four (Chrysler, Toyota, Honda, Nissan) are adding jobs, opening plants, filling showrooms with new models — and, most importantly — earning billions of dollars in profits that can contribute to even more growth. Although all the Next Four are part of big global companies, they have kept their size, costs and dealers in United States relatively small and limited their brands and lineups, even as they explore new niches

where they can pick up sales. Source: *The New York Times*.

Best and worst

In a list of how various makes of cars rank, from best to worst based on their average predicted reliability score, Consumer Reports ranks the following: Lexus RX 400h (hybrid) best and Lexus GX 470 worst. Honda Ridgeline best, Honda Odyssey worst. Toyota Highlander best, Toyota Avalon worst. Mitsubishi Outlander best, Mitsubishi Endeavor worst. Subaru Forester best, Subaru Outback (six-cylinder) worst. Acura MDX best and Acura RL worst.



GM BOXWOOD PLANT in Wilmington, Del. will be assembling the Opel GT — to be exported to Europe.

Stability control could save 10,000 lives, study says

BY ROYAL FORD
THE BOSTON GLOBE

A risk of fatal roll-over accidents in the United States would be cut by 80 percent if all sport utility vehicles were equipped with electronic stability control systems, according to a study scheduled for Tuesday.

Report, by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, also said that stability control reduces the risk of crash in all types of vehicles 15 percent, and estimated that electronic stability control could be saved annually by \$300 to \$400 per vehicle. The report said that stability control is standard on 40 percent of vehicles sold nationwide, up from 15 percent, and not on the rest.

Stability systems use sensors to detect a car's brakes and throttle to keep it from tipping. Although they cost only \$300 to \$400 as a stand-alone option, many vehicles package the feature with other add-ons, increasing the cost of obtaining it to \$2,000 or more.

posed to 22 percent in cars, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

While only 3 percent of serious accidents are roll-overs, they account for one-third of the approximately 34,000 fatal accidents in the United States every year.

Electronic stability control systems incorporate the speed sensors and ability to apply braking power to individual wheels that are already part of antilock brakes. Additional sensors detect steering angle and how a vehicle is rotating on its axis. A control unit determines when the vehicle is headed in a direction that is different from what the steering wheel angle indicates. To adjust the direction and keep the vehicle from rolling over, the system applies braking power to specific wheels, overriding the driver's actions. It can also reduce engine throttle. For instance, if a vehicle is accelerating too fast into a turn, the system will ease up on the amount of gas being supplied to the engine.

Traditionally, such equipment has more commonly been found in luxury vehicles and the most expensive SUVs. Audi, BMW, Infiniti, and Porsche include it as standard. Cadillac, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lexus, Mini, Toyota, Volkswagen, and Volvo make it available at least as an option on all models.

Hyundai recently disclosed that electronic stability control would become standard in almost all its models. Just as the makers of hybrid cars — which operate on gasoline-electric engines — emphasize fuel efficiency and clean operation in their marketing campaigns, the Korean firm is now extolling safety as a selling point.

The study tallied accidents from 2001 through 2004 and was based on state and federal crash data from 10 states.

The institute — which is non-profit and funded by the automobile insurance industry — looked at accident reports from two groups. The first group compared crash rates of 15 models of cars and 10 of SUVs before those models had electronic stability control with figures from after stability control became a standard feature. The second group looked at 16 models of cars that had it available as an option and later included it in their base price.

The institute found that overall, stability control reduces the risk of a single-vehicle crash by 41 percent — 49 percent in SUVs and 33 percent in conventional cars.

Based on all fatal crashes accounted for during the study period, stability control reduced single-vehicle fatal-crash risk by 56 percent, with a greater impact on SUVs: 59 percent versus 53 percent for other passenger vehicles.

Multiple-vehicle fatal crashes involving SUVs with stability control were reduced 37 percent, versus 25 percent for cars.

Because the study period ended in 2004, it did not include more advanced stability control systems now available.

Besides raising the risk of death or injury, selling cars without standard stability control could cost automakers money, Phillippi said.

"You're running the risk of people getting killed. You're running the risk of lawsuits," he said.

Mark Pothier of the *Globe Staff* contributed to this report.

Not all car satisfaction studies are created equal

BY CHERYL JENSEN
MOTOR MATTERS

This is the time of the year when several major research companies publish various studies that try to determine which vehicles have the best quality or are the most loved among consumers.

In June, J.D. Power and Associates published its Initial Quality Study while rival Strategic Vision announced its Total Quality Study winners. Both survey owners after the first 90 days of ownership. But similarities end there, as do the results. Neither defines quality the same. They don't even divide up segments in the same way.

Strategic Vision, which surveyed 29,000 new vehicle buyers, announces one winner in each of the segments; J.D. Power's survey of 63,000 consumers, ranks the top three winners in each segment.

Only two vehicles were tops in their segments in both surveys. They were the Lexus IS 250 and 350 and the Chevrolet Silverado — sort of. The Silverado heavy-duty models were tops in their segment in the Strategic Vision study. In the J.D. Power study, the Silverado light-duty was first and the Silverado heavy-duty model was tied for second.

If you compare winners in the Strategic Vision study with the top three in each of the J.D. Power segments, seven additional vehicles crop up in both studies: Honda Civic, Chevrolet Corvette coupe, BMW 7 Series, Toyota 4Runner, Lexus RX 350/400h, Toyota Tacoma and Honda Ridgeline.

Strategic Vision quality winners that appear nowhere in the J.D.

DOWN THE ROAD

Power study are the Chevrolet HHR, Ford Fusion, Dodge Charger, Mini Cooper and Mini convertible, Chevrolet Corvette convertible, Honda Odyssey, Saturn Vue, Dodge Magnum, Nissan Armada, and Land Rover Range Rover Sport.

The reason for the differences can be boiled down to the fact that Strategic Vision and J.D. Power study different things.

J.D. Power's study measures "things gone wrong." Strategic Vision's looks at "things done right, things gone wrong and the dealership experience." It includes the buyer's emotional experience, too.

J.D. Power gets at those aspects but in separate studies. The J.D. Power IQS measures 135 attributes across nine categories of problems, including ride, handling and braking, the engine and transmission. The study has been redesigned to distinguish between two distinct categories of quality. One type is manufacturing defects; the other is a design problem.

Manufacturing defects would include an engine that doesn't start, exterior molding that is loose or a navigation system that doesn't work. Design problems involve controls or features that are working as they were designed to work, but are hard to use or confusing.

While some consumers may not equate a confusing air-conditioning system with a car that breaks down because of an engine problem, consumers told J.D. Power that design

problems are as important to quality as are manufacturing defects.

The rankings of the BMW brand illustrate the differences between the two surveys that measure quality. BMW ranked second just behind Lexus in the Strategic Vision survey; however, in the J.D. Power study BMW ended up 27 out of 37 brands.

Daniel Gorrell, Strategic Vision vice president, points out that in many of the overall measures, BMW is above or just slightly below Lexus, particularly when it comes to direct questions about reliability and initial quality.

The reason BMW did so poorly in the J.D. Power survey is design problems. Owners of the new 3 Series can't figure out how to use the features and controls. Voice commands aren't recognized and there are problems with the audio and navigation systems. One of the problems is BMW's i-Drive system, even though BMW has simplified the system as it has filtered down from the 7 Series. Owners of Kia models have no problem figuring out how to turn knobs and push buttons, which helps to explain why the Korean automaker ranked slightly ahead of BMW in the study.

Consumers can get more information about the studies from the companies' Web sites at www.jdpower.com (click on the "Consumer" section) and www.strategicvision.com.

With results that vary so widely, consumers might end up scratching their heads over which to consider when buying a new car. It all depends on how you define quality.

Import veteran plans to bring Chinese-made hydrogen cars to United States

BY WARREN BROWN
THE WASHINGTON POST

The Chinese are coming. They are bringing luxury cars to America. They also have ambitious plans to bring hydrogen-powered cars to the world.

Two announcements last week highlighted the developments.

Malcolm Bricklin, the man who brought Subaru and Yugo automobiles to the United States and who now heads the aptly named Visionary Vehicles in New York, revealed his partnership with a major East Coast dealership chain to begin U.S. distribution of cars manufactured by China's Chery Automobile Co. in late 2007.

The first models, mid-size luxury sedans priced in the manner of economy cars, will be sold in Arlington, Va., through a retail network set up by Rothrock Motor Sales of Allentown, Pa.

The dealership chain, operated by the father-and-son team of David and Bruce Rothrock, owns stores in Pennsylvania's Lehigh and Delaware valleys. But the Rothrocks are in an expansionist mode. In addition to setting up shop in Virginia, they also are moving into the Florida communities of Palm Beach, Orlando and Winter Park. And they are expanding out West by establishing retail outlets in San Gabriel Valley, Calif.

The aggressively entrepreneurial Rothrocks are Bricklin's kind of people — "precisely the type of partners we are looking for at Visionary Vehicles," Bricklin said in prepared remarks. As shareholders

in Visionary Vehicles, the Rothrocks will play a major role in the company's product offering and pricing decisions, Bricklin said.

Over the past three years, Bricklin has been pursuing a plan to establish a U.S. Chery Automobile distribution network made up of 250 dealers, each contributing \$1 million or more to join. Visionary's goal with the Chery car, made in Wuhu, China, is based on a classic Bricklin formula: Import a precedent-setting automobile at a low price, hype it to the max and generate enough sales to create a new market segment or, at least, establish a new brand.

That strategy worked well for Bricklin in 1968 when he began selling the Japanese-made Subaru 360 subcompact car through a network of 20 U.S. dealers. It did not work as well a few years later with his importing Italy's Fiat X-9. Nor did it stand him in good stead in 1985 with his ill-fated importing of the Yugoslavian Yugo.

With the Chinese, Bricklin has something he did not have with the Italians or Yugoslavs — the commitment of the government of the People's Republic of China to turn its burgeoning automotive industry into a global success.

That commitment was demonstrated in another automotive development in China last week that could profoundly change the nature of the automobile as we have come to know, love and loathe it. Ballard Power Systems, based in Vancouver, British Columbia,

signed a memorandum of understanding with Shanghai Fuel Cell Vehicle Powertrain Co. to supply up to 20 fuel-cell stacks and related equipment to be installed in a demonstration fleet of 100 fuel-cell vehicles owned by the Shanghai Municipal Government.

A fuel cell is an electrochemical device that produces energy through a reaction between hydrogen and oxygen. It is regarded as a clean, efficient energy system that relies on renewable resources.

The Shanghai government hopes to have its 100 fuel-cell cars operating by the end of 2007. Those models mark the first phase of the plan to put 1,000 hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles on Shanghai's roads by 2010 and to have 10,000 operating by 2012.

That kind of aggressiveness in the development and deployment of hydrogen fuel-cell cars and trucks could make China a world leader in hydrogen fuel-cell technology, Ballard officials said.

"We believe China could be a key market driving the commercialization of automotive fuel-cell technology, and, as such, we are very pleased to announce this next step in our ongoing activities in China," said Noordin Nanji, Ballard's vice president for marketing.

Bottom line: The Chinese dragon is revving its engines. American, European, South Korean and Japanese car companies that have seen tough competition in recent years haven't seen anything yet.

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Rating SUVs: The Toyota RAV4 with a four-cylinder or V6 engine is rated the best small sport utility vehicle by Consumer Reports magazine.

The Honda CR-V is another good choice, with its generous interior, competent ride and handling, and a spirited powertrain. Road noise in the CR-V is a bit pronounced, and a redesign comes this fall. Though smaller, the Subaru Forester is also a solid choice.

New lure: With auto sales in a slump, carmakers and dealers are

taking a cue from the airline industry and rolling out new or expanded rewards programs to lure customers back to dealerships. Many of the programs dole out points for spending money in the dealership, while others give reward points for using credit cards bearing the manufacturer's logo. Customers can rack up points to spend at the dealership on oil changes, tire rotations — even a new car. Many dealerships are starting their own programs. (Source: Wall Street Journal)

Crash testing: When the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety began conducting 40 mph frontal offset crash tests in the mid-1990s about half of the vehicles tested were rated marginal or poor. No midsize SUV or small pickup trucks earned good ratings. Only one minivan and one large pickup earned good ratings. Media coverage of these subpar performances prompted manufacturers to begin improving the design of their vehicles to protect people better in frontal crashes.

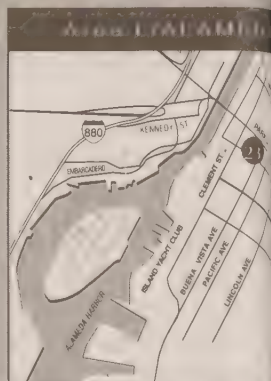
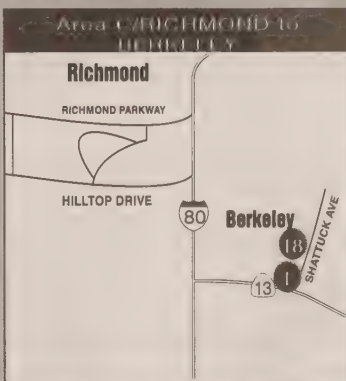
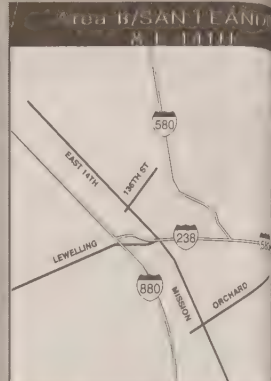
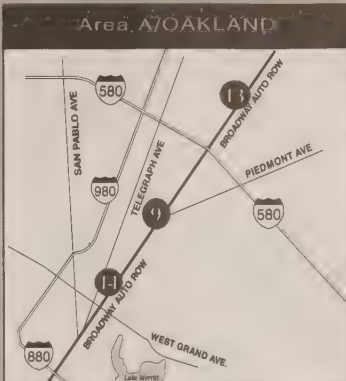
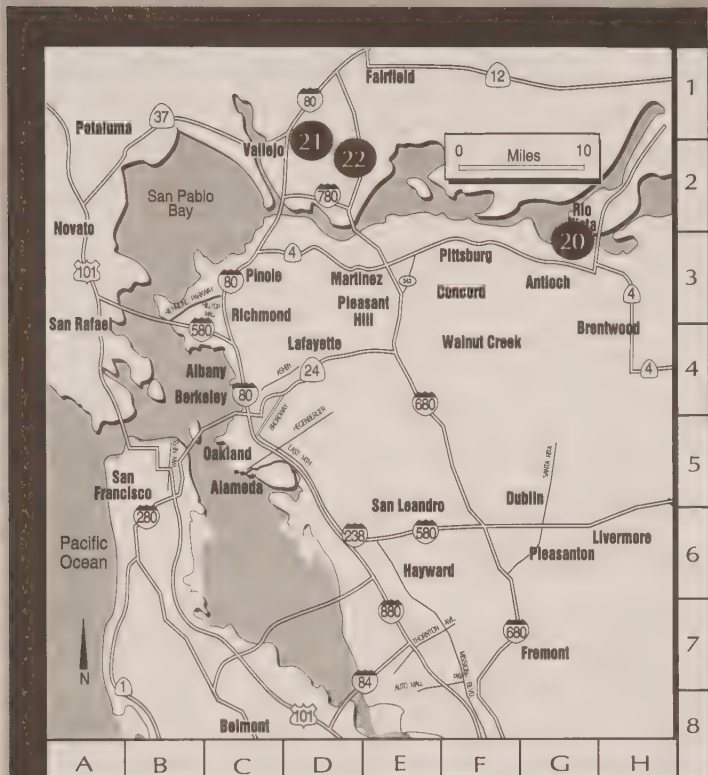


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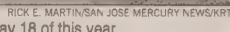
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Ettore Bugatti was born in Italy, but founded his car company in the Alsace region of France in 1908. His cars often won the Targa Florio in the 1920's and at LeMans twice in the late '30s. His Type 57 Atlantic, now owned by Ralph Lauren, is considered one of the finest cars of all time.

Bugatti's son was killed testing a car in 1939, and his factory was destroyed in World War II.

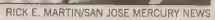
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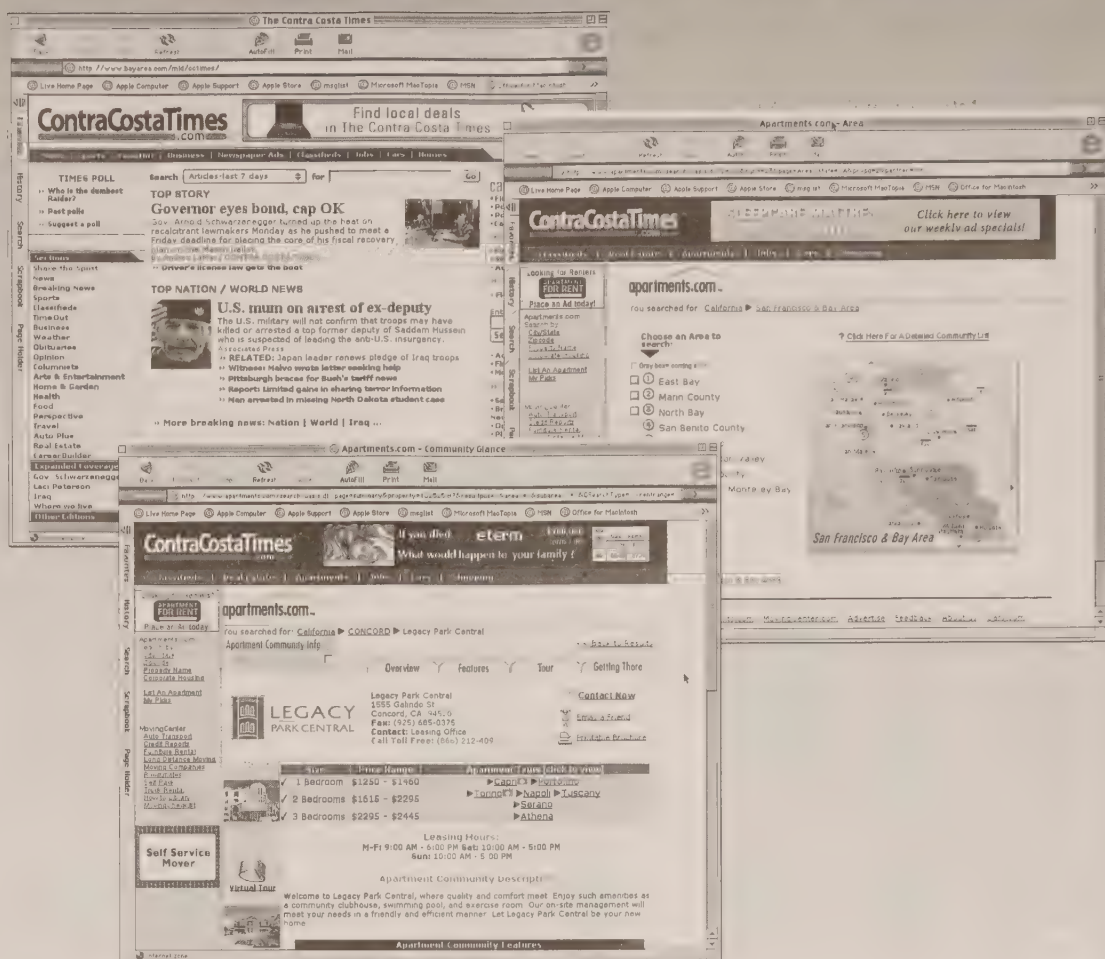
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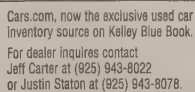
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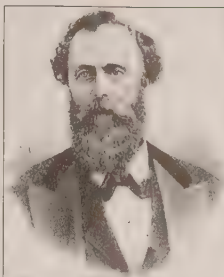
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WINGING OFF THE FOG: The morning sun breaks through the fog on the slopes of Redwood Peak. Fog gives the redwood trees needed moisture providing the equivalent of about 10 inches of rain in the dry summer months.



M.W. WOOD HISTORY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY
EARLY LOGGER: In 1846, William Mendenhall joined a small group of loggers in the San Antonio Redwoods. They whipsawed trees for four months until what Mendenhall called the "irate Dons" drove him and his fellow trespassers away.

Redwoods clothe the Oakland hills

descendants of old-
with Coastal
woods carpet the
tem slopes of the
land hills and
set the hills and
ys eastward to the
of Canyon

DENNIS EVANOSKY
STAFF WRITER

second-growth Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) for-
spreads over Joachin Miller
above the Mormon Temple and
Redwood Peak near the
Space and Science Center.
that contain Redwood Re-
Park and the town of Canyon.
smaller grove with the re-
only surviving old-growth
Redwood fills a narrow val-
along the York Trail below Carl
School on Campus Drive. A
smaller grove clings to the
Sausal Creek just south
way 13. East of this grove
Palo Seco Mill, named for the
that joins Sausal Creek just
highway.
Sanish had never seen such
where, Padre Juan Crespi was
of European descent to de-
them: "In this region there is
abundance of these trees and,
not their names, we gave
part of the color of their wood,
old, palo colorado," he wrote
May on Oct. 10, 1769.
years later members of
Arza expedition trekked
a trail that became Outlook
and through present-day
ridge and had a closer look
forest of "palos colorados."

WHERE TO SEE OAKLAND'S REDWOODS

Joaquin Miller Park: Take the Sequia Bayview Trail off Skyline Boulevard about one-half mile above Joaquin Miller Road; site of San Antonio Redwoods.

Roberts Regional Park: 11319 Skyline Blvd., on Skyline Boulevard above Joaquin Miller Road; site of Captain F. W. Beechey's landmark trees.

Redwood Regional Park: 7867 Redwood Rd.; on Redwood Road in the canyons east of Skyline Boulevard; site of the Middle Redwoods.

York Trail: Enter the woods at Oakleaf Street and Mountain Boulevard, just below the Leona Lodge; this part of York Trail leads through a valley that contains Oakland's only surviving old-growth Coast Redwood.

Sausal Creek: Take the Dimond Canyon Bridgeview Trail off Monterey Boulevard near the City of Oakland's Golf Course; Palo Seco Mill was in this vicinity.

In 1797, the Franciscans returned to the forest to harvest the redwoods to build Mission San Jose. They likely used the landing near the site of today's Oakland Coliseum as a harbor. From there they transported their harvest to the mission and the pueblo of San Jose, where Luis Maria Peralta lived and served as Comisionado from 1807 to 1822. In 1820, the Spanish government thanked Peralta for his years of service with 44,800 acres of land that encompassed most of what later became the East Bay.

The Franciscans at Mission San Jose voiced concern for losses they perceived the Peralta grant would bring them. "On behalf of the mission, I say there is no objection to

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

The Oakland Heritage Alliance presents "The Redwoods of Oakland," 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13. By reservation only. Join Dennis Evanosky and Richard Schwartz on a walk along Horseshoe Creek with its redwood trees. Learn about the birth, growth and harvesting of these grand trees. See 150-year-old trees that surround their "injured parents" and have a peek at the oldest tree still standing in Oakland. Richard Schwartz will talk about the Native American presence in the Oakland hills. This is a moderately difficult walk and is open to experienced hikers only. To reserve your spot contact OHA at 510-763-9218 or info@oakland-heritage.org.

grant the petitioner the place he asks for," Padre Duran wrote to the government.

"But the Creek of San Leandro, where the launches are harbored in summer, must at all times be at the disposal of the missions, and the cutting of the wood in the place asked for must remain in common."

The stand of redwood trees on the crest of the hill on Peralta's property first bore

the name "San Antonio Redwoods," after Peralta's land grant.

In November 1826, British Captain F. W. Beechey sailed into San Francisco Bay aboard HMS Blossom. He remained until just after Christmas. He noticed (or ran into) an impediment just off present-day Alcatraz Island. He named the impediment for his ship.

In his instructions on how to avoid Blossom Rock, Beechey used the San Antonio Redwoods as a navigational aid.

"Line up the northern tip of Yerba Buena Island with two trees," he advised, "nearly the last of the straggling (sic) ones south of the palos colorados, a wood of pines situated on top of the hill over San Antonio, too conspicuous to be missed."

Beechey's map, published in 1833, included a pair of stylized pine trees on the spot in the hills where mariners should look.

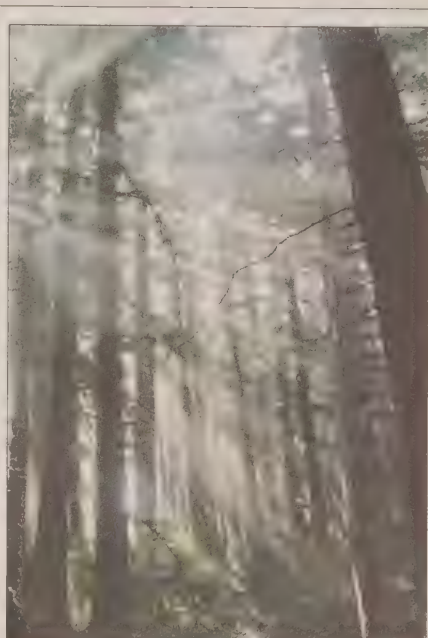
In 1835, the Mexican government granted Joaquin Moraga and his cousin Juan Bernal 13,000 acres of land in an area that later encompassed towns that included Canyon, Moraga and Lafayette.

The name of Moraga and Bernal's grant, "Rancho de Laguna de los Palos Colorados (Ranch of the Lake of the Redwoods)" reflected the presence not only of the impressive trees on their property, but of the lake that once stood on the campus of Campolindo High School in Moraga.

Moraga, Bernal and Peralta were primarily interested in raising cattle. They paid little attention to the redwoods that bordered the grazing fields, at least until the appearance of men whom M.W. Wood would call "covetous Anglo-Saxons" in his 1883 "History of Alameda County."

The first of these intruders appeared in 1840. George Patterson, who had deserted the English barque Columbia, arrived with John Parker, a deserter from HMS Sulphur. (In a touch of irony, F. W. Beechey, who had mapped the bay 14 years earlier aboard HMS Blossom, commanded the Sulphur.)

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STANDING TALL: As the tallest of the three redwood species, the Coast Redwood can reach heights of over 365 feet.

Sequoia sempervirens

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
STAFF WRITER

■ A look at the world's tallest tree

History attributes the first written description of the Coast Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) to Father Juan Crespi, a Franciscan missionary whose diaries chronicle Gaspar de Portola's overland trek from San Diego to Monterey Bay in 1769.

"Portola's men encountered their first redwood trees on Oct. 10 (1769) as the expedition traveled northwest of the Pajaro River near the Santa Cruz Mountains," say John Everts and Marjorie Popper in "Coast Redwood: A Natural and Cultural History."

Everts and Popper quote Crespi's Oct. 10 diary entry, "In this region, there is a great abundance of these trees and because none of the expedition recognizes them, that of the color of their wood, redwood, palo colorado from their color."

The Coast Redwood's closest relatives are the Giant Sequoia—found in the Sierra Nevada and the Dawn Redwood—which grows mainly in China.



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REMEMBERING SEQUOYAH: George Gist, also known as Sequoyah, invented the Cherokee alphabet. The scientific name for the Coast Redwood bears his name.

Many confuse the Giant Sequoia with the Coast Redwood. The more massive, and longer-lived Giant Sequoia grows into the world's largest tree, while the more slender Coast Redwood becomes the world's tallest.

Some consider the Dawn Redwood the nearest relative of

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A PARADISE LOST:

of old growth Coast
woods once clothed the
Oakland hills. Loggers
harvested the trees in a
year period beginning
1797, when the Spanish
to build Mission San
Luis Maria Peralta's 1820
land grant allowed him
the westernmost trees in
with the government.
1836 Joaquin Moraga and
Juan Bernal received the
most trees in their grant.
Peralta and Moraga, whose
brands are shown on the
map, were more interested in
hides and tallow than in
wood trees. At first the entire
forest bore the name San
Antonio Redwoods. Sometime
in the late 1840s loggers
discovered the Middle
Redwoods, an entire forest
neither on Moraga nor
Peralta land. This map shows
location of the forests, the
plant mills and the logging
between 1849 and 1860
the trees were harvested
fast. By 1860 only a single
growth tree in an out-of-the-
canyon remained and can
be seen below Carl Munck
School on Campus Drive—a
lot points the way.



Redwoods

FROM PAGE B1

Ship deserters from France also worked in the woods. "Two French carpenters Mm. Sicard and Leroy are exploiting these woods to good profit," said French traveler Duflot de Mofras in 1841.

In 1842, Peralta divided his holdings among his three sons. At this same time, logging stopped in the redwoods. "The Peraltas (and likely the Mexican government) were objecting to the cutting of their forest," said Sherwood Burgess in his article, "The Forgotten Redwoods of the East Bay."

In 1844, Peralta redrew his deed and defined his son's — Antonio Maria Peralta's — entitlement to the land that included the redwoods.

In 1846, logging began again with the arrival of Napoleon Bonaparte Smith, his brother Henry Clay Smith and William Mendenhall.

The trio snuck into the San Antonio Redwoods after failing to obtain passports from the British authorities in Yerba Buena, as San Francisco was then called.

According to Wood, the trio "crossed the bay and from thence started on foot for the San Antonio Redwoods, but meeting two Spaniards their passports were demanded which not being able to produce they were frightened away with the firearms of the party."

"They ultimately got to the redwoods, however, and there engaged with a Frenchman for some time in making shingles and sawing lumber, but this not meeting with the views of the irate Dons, 20 soldiers were brought in the redwoods to oust them."

"Mendenhall and party, however, believing discretion to be the better part of valor secured what

horses they could with their effects and beat a hasty retreat over the mountains into the valley of the San Joaquin."

The Bear Flag Revolt and the subsequent raising of the American flag in June and July 1846 at Monterey, Yerba Buena and Sutter's Fort gave the Yankees the backbone they needed to challenge Peralta and Moraga's ownership of the valued trees.

Napoleon and Henry Smith returned to the forest with Napoleon's

HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

When Captain F. W. Beechey mapped the way around Blossom Rock, he made an interesting change. On a 1776 map, Spanish mapmaker Jose de Canizares called one of the larger islands in the bay "Alcatraz" and a smaller island "Yerba Buena." Because the Spanish "Alcatraz" lay just off Yerba Buena Cove, Beechey either re-named or misnamed it "Yerba Buena." He did the same for smaller Yerba Buena, re-naming (or misnaming) it "Alcatraz." These changes became part of Beechey's widely used map of San Francisco Bay and the switched names stuck.

father-in-law, Elam Brown, and began logging in earnest. The discovery of gold in the Sierra foothills sent many loggers off to seek a quicker and, many thought, a less strenuous fortune.

Not all loggers answered the Siren's call, however. A.R. Andersen worked in the San Antonio Redwoods until his death on May 6, 1949. He rests along with an unknown companion beneath large sandstone boulders near the Chabot Space & Science Center.

Later that same year mills appeared in the redwoods: one on Palo Seco Creek in the San Antonio

Redwoods where mill owners added steam and began chewing up the trees. They sent their lumber down a logging road that became Park Boulevard and 13th Avenue. Five years later, the entire forest was gone.

Moraga eventually grew tired of trespassers logging on his property. In 1853 he rid himself of the hill and valley that contained the precious lumber by selling to Elam Brown.

Before that sale could take place, however, those covetous Anglo-Saxons discovered that an entire valley of redwood was theirs for the taking as it lay neither on Peralta's nor on Moraga's property.

Beginning in 1852, mills sprung up in what became known as the Middle Redwoods. Chester Tupper and Richard Hamilton's mill stood near the entrance to today's Redwood Regional Park.

Thomas and William Prince ran the T.B. Prince and Co. mill. In 1854 Erasmus Brown and Thomas Eager built a mill between the Tupper and Prince mills at the Alameda-Contra Costa County border. Creditor Henry Spicer took over in 1853.

By 1860 the entire five-square-mile forest had disappeared.

The demise of the old-growth redwood forest in the Oakland hills held a certain fascination for Doctor William P. Gibbons. In an address that Gibbons wrote in 1898, he recalled his 1855 rambles among the remnants of this tract of ancient trees.

He remembers one trek to an area southwest of Redwood Peak, in an area that is now Roberts Park. Gibbons remembers that in 1855 he counted 150 redwood stumps, most of which measured from 12 to 20 in diameter.

At least two of these ancient relics are visible today near the Chabot Space and Science Center.



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pepper
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oil; mix well. Gradually
blend well. Toss dressing
greens, peppers, radishes,
dried oranges. Serve
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Sequoia

FROM PAGE 1

the Coast Redwood, although the Dawn Redwood is deciduous and not an evergreen.

The Coast Redwood is among the world's fastest-growing trees. It can develop into a 30-foot-tall tree with a 10-inch diameter trunk in just 10 years. Unlike most trees, the Coast Redwood does not have a taproot. As the tree grows, it sends out

a root system up to 50-feet in every direction. Tannin impregnates the tree's cells making the tree indigestible to burrowing insects like termites and seemingly indestructible.

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Individual growth rates for a Coast Redwood vary. The average mature tree grows to between 200 and 300 feet tall, has a trunk of six to 10 feet in diameter, and is between 500 to 1,000 years old.

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Many fall victim to the ravages of nature and man, which take their toll on these majestic trees.

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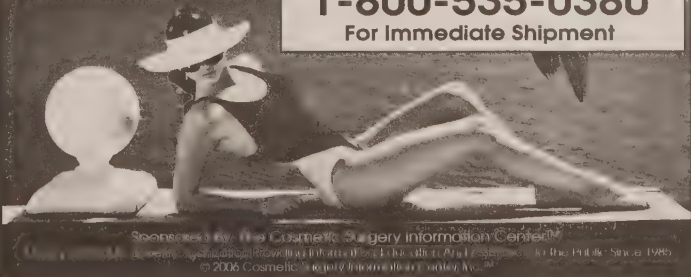
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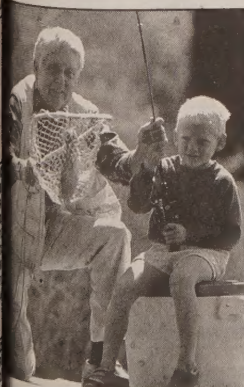
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Parents — if you learn nothing else from Nanny Stella about raising children — learn these three key rules:

1. Be consistent.
2. Say what you mean and mean what you say.
3. Respect is a two-way street.

Nanny Stella knows about raising children and whipping them into shape when they've gone wild. When there's a home emergency in childcare, she's called an EMS technician: emergency mama service.

Nanny Stella, whose full name is Stella Reid, is one of a team of British nannies on the Fox reality TV show "Nanny 911."

Each week one of the nannies is sent into a home where children are rude and rotten and attempts to get them right — or at least not so terribly wrong.

The show is on hiatus, but is expected to return to its regular 8 p.m. Monday timeslot this summer.

She summarizes the lessons on the show in a book she co-wrote with another nanny from the show, Deborah Carroll, entitled "Nanny 911: Expert Advice for Your Parenting Emergencies" (Regan, \$15.95).

Nanny Stella, 41, says she learned what she now teaches from experience and formal training — a two-year course — that nannies in Britain are required to pass to become licensed nannies.

"Being a nanny is a profession in the U.K.," she says. "It's taken far more seriously."

Parents are drawn to her no-nonsense nannying style even though she's as tough on the parents as she is on the children in the homes she visits.

In fact, her harshest criticism seems to be aimed at the parents.

They are very cavalier, she says. "They say things they don't mean. If you say, 'If you do well we'll have a vacation to Disneyworld,' you better be packing your bags if they do well. If you say, 'I'll remove a privilege for something,' you better mean it."

Parents must also be good role models of the behavior they expect.

Nanny Stella has worked in a variety of home situations, from one-day assignments to a four-year job, and she's getting experience at home by helping raise her 15-year-old stepson.

Being a public parent doesn't make it more difficult at home, she says. "I feel pressure to be a good parent-role model, with or without the show," says Nanny Stella, who's been in the United States since 1989. She came with one fiancé, but married another in 2004.

The subject parents ask her about most often is sleep.

"People have huge issues with sleep," she says. "Nobody wants to go through the angst of sleep training."

She says there is no magic formula. It requires establishing a routine and implementing it consistently.

Nanny Stella made her move to television when an acquaintance told her producers were looking for British nannies for a new reality show. She applied, but turned it down when it was offered; she was too busy working as a nanny to take 10 weeks off to film the show, she said. Producers called her back, adjusted the schedule and made another offer.

Nanny Stella's most challenging assignment on the show so far involved a Rochester Hills, Mich., family with two small boys and a daughter.

The mother was in denial about how poorly her children behaved and the role she played in contributing to that behavior, Nanny Stella says.

She says good child rearing skills can help any parents and children willing to modify their behavior.

"Children thrive on structure, limits and boundaries," she says. "Parenting is really about preparing them for what's to come in life. We think of them as our children, but they belong to everybody because they will have to go out in the world."

Nanny Stella on ...

Sleep: It's the question parents



THE ENGLISH NANNIES ON "NANNY 911" help exhausted parents tackle the chaos in the home and deal with difficult kids. From left: Nanny Yvonne, Nanny Deb, Head Nanny Lilian, and Nanny Stella.

ask most often. It requires establishing a routine and implementing it consistently until the child gets that nothing's going to change.

Temper tantrums: Parents should never give in to them. Even if it's easier and less embarrassing

to simply give the child the candy bar she's screaming for in the middle of the grocery store, don't. To give in is to reward the child for bad behavior and it will be repeated.

Corporal punishment: Don't ever hit children. Use timeouts in-

stead — a minute of the child's age. Remember that time meant to be punitive opportunity to teach the child from wrong by giving them a minute to calm down.

Worn out by the wall of wines? Join the club

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If you've ever bought a bottle of wine, you have likely faced one of the greatest social challenges known to modern humans — the "Wall of Wine." Maybe you go it alone, picking a variety you recognize from a vintner you've heard of. Or throw caution to the wind and choose the bottle with the brightest label. Or seek advice from the store clerk.

No matter how you tackle the Wall of Wine, your chances of being disappointed or delighted remain about the same. With wine consumption continuing to grow in the United States, value-minded Americans are seeking ways to expand their wine experience without the risk. Wine clubs have evolved in response to the Wall of Wine.

"People join wine clubs for many reasons," says wine aficionado Bruce Boring, co-founder of the California Wine Club. "Some want the safety of only tasting

wines that an expert has sampled. Others are looking for an adventure and want a guided tour." Hundreds of wine clubs, from independent operators like Boring to vineyard-sponsored clubs, allow consumers to have a wide variety of wines delivered to their doorsteps every month.

"Wine clubs can be a great venue for learning about wine. You can experience a variety of styles from nearly everywhere without the stress of choosing the best ones," Bruce explains. "Plus joining a club can expose wine lovers to wines they would not typically have access to, further broadening their wine knowledge."

Choosing a wine club doesn't have to be as daunting as making a selection from the Wall of Wine. Boring offers the following advice for anyone considering a wine club membership:

■ Ask yourself why you want to join a wine club. Do you want to

discover new wines or educate your palate? Do you crave priority access to limited production and/or "trophy" wines? Or are you looking for a reliable source of quality wines that you can pair with special occasions or simply relaxing at home?

■ A winery-specific club may be the choice for someone seeking a reliable source of quality wines. With a little research and attendance at your local wine shop's latest tasting, you can identify a vintner whose wines appeal to your tastes and lifestyle. Once you've done that, contact the vintner to learn details about their wine clubs. Most offer clubs and details can be found on their Web sites.

■ Wine lovers seeking to sam-

ple a variety of wines, or enjoy access to some exclusive vintages, may prefer an "adventure club" like the California Wine Club. An adventure club gives the member access to a wide variety of pre-selected wines. Often, members can sample a wine they might never encounter while trying to scale the Wall of Wine.

More than 3,500 wineries operate in the United States. Americans drink more wines from California than from any other region of the world.

Founded in 1990, the California Wine Club offers hand-selected wines from California's smallest family-run wineries. The advantage, says Boring, is that the average consumer might never be able to find these wines in her local wine shop or liquor warehouse. And smaller producers are able to hand-

craft their wines in ways that just aren't possible for larger wineries, he says.

■ Does the wine club you are considering support your wine education goals? For example, California Wine Club sends a magazine, *Uncorked*, with each month's delivery. The magazine uses a lively, informative style to educate the consumer about the month's featured wines.

■ Will your adventure club forego sending you bulk wines (wines that are blended and don't come from real working wineries), close-outs that you will never be able to taste again or private label wines (which are often cast offs that a vintner doesn't like well enough to market under his own label, but will create a private label for the wine if someone pays him enough)? California Wine

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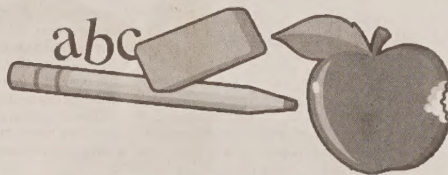
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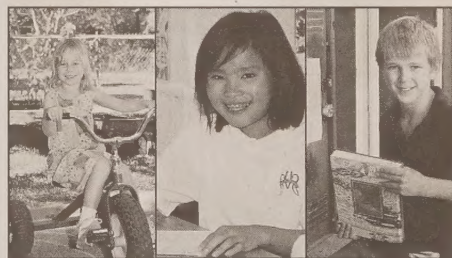
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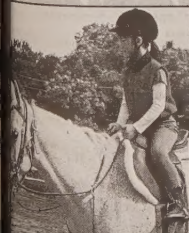
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Easy tips and tricks for remodeling your home

BY CHARLYNE VARKONYI SCHAUB

SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Home renovators can learn a lot from Barbara and Jack Quinlan.

More than 50 prospective buyers rejected a 1924 Mediterranean house in Westchester County, N.Y. The three-story home, commissioned by one of the Ringling brothers, was considered the worst on the block. Some folks even thought it was haunted. Not only was the inside dark and gloomy, the heating, air conditioning and plumbing had to be replaced. It didn't need an architect. It needed an exorcist to make the design mistakes disappear.

But the Quinlans saw the home's hidden potential and bought it anyway.

"A teardown might have been cheaper, but (the Quinlans) never would have gotten anything like the house they have," said Lyn Peterson, a New York decorator, author of "Real Life Renovating" (Clarkson Potter, \$37.50) and product designer who was in Boca Raton, Fla., recently for a lecture and book signing.

"The skilled artisans who constructed these one-of-a-kind homes no longer exist. If they do, they come at an onerous price," she

said. "Now it is all about sheetrock and veneers of moldings. Their house has historic integrity. The trick is how to make it work for this century and their family."

The Quinlans reconfigured a staircase, enlarged the family room, bumped out the kitchen and dining room, relocated the master bedroom, installed larger arched windows and added a three-story deck.

But their most innovative idea in the 11-month renovation was the transformation of a gloomy entrance, which once made them feel like they were underground in a catacomb, into a bright and cheery space.

Barbara Quinlan's unorthodox solution? A 9-by-7-foot opening was cut into the floor of the living room directly above. The upstairs opening was surrounded with an iron railing and an elegant crystal chandelier was suspended from the second story.

The Quinlan renovation is one of 13 fascinating case studies in Peterson's book, a guide full of professional tips and product information. We chatted with Peterson to get her insight on taking the pain out of remodeling.

Q. What was your biggest mistake as a remodeler?

A. Slippery kitchen tile in the '80s.

Q. Have you found that renovating can cause problems in a marriage?

A. If there are fissures in a marriage, they become chasms. A marriage can pull apart over something like this.

Q. The pros tell us to keep everything neutral for resale. How do you balance resale with having a home that reflects you personally?

A. A woman quoted in Vogue recently said, "I'm too young to be beige." Neutrals are really a middle-age thing. People want to decorate; make intelligent choices. Green is a universal color. It's safe, and so is blue down here. Make it look like where you live. Don't bring Philly to South Florida.

Q. Some of the people in the book moved out. Some didn't. When should you move out?

A. Move out when you don't have the basics. Two days without a kitchen gets old. You need to set up a temporary kitchen if you are going to stay in the house. If you don't have a toilet, you have to move out.

Q. What's your best advice to help us avoid remodeling mistakes?

A. I believe that we as women should educate ourselves. We are fashion creatures. Long before you start a project, put together a look book or style file. Sometimes you'll see secret messages in what you collect, like everything is green. If you keep this file for a while, you will realize that some of the things you clipped are so two minutes ago. You don't want to fall for fads like the avocado green appliances of the '70s.

Q. What's your best overall advice?

A. You are managing the biggest investment of your life. Check the plans so there are no surprises.

Q. How can you save money?

A. Custom is expensive. The closet design people can also do vanities and bookshelves. They can give you a custom look for less. In the home, just like in fashion, high/low works. You can go from Target to custom. Or take store-bought and customize it. In a dining room in the book, we took six raw wood Ikea chests, put them together and painted them black. They are strong, can be loaded with dishes and look great.

Q. If you have a choice where to spend limited funds, what will have the best return when you sell?

A. The bathroom. It returns 105 cents on the dollar. In 1957, 97 percent of the homes had 1½ baths or less. Now we are deprived if two people have to share a bathroom. The kitchen is the next best investment. It returns 100 percent.

Q. How can you add some character to new construction?

A. Customize over doors and windows. In addition to books on decorating, you should buy some history books. For an over-the-door addition, use a flat 1-by-12 board; add a half round to hide the seam and crown molding. Break up the ceiling with rosettes or inlay. Add a hanging pendant lamp to bring the eye down in a room with a high ceiling.



THE GROUND FLOOR ENTRANCE HOME of Barbara and Jack Quinlan is pictured in West N.Y. The three-story home commissioned by one of the Ringling brothers, was considered the worst on the block, but the Quinlans saw the home's hidden potential.

Money-saving tricks

Thinking of remodeling? Here are six tips on making the most of the money you spend, from author and decorator Lyn Peterson.

1. Too often builders say it is cheaper to tear down and start from scratch. It isn't.

2. If your ceilings are 9 feet or higher, you have plenty of room to add molding, crowns, taller windows or taller doors. If the ceiling appears too high for a low doorway, you don't have to install a bigger door. Put additional moldings on the top of the door to make it look taller.

3. Sometimes renovating means taking away. Cabinets are the most expensive part of a kitchen renovation. You can update the look by removing top cabinets and adding a closet or armoire for additional storage. Another trick is to remove the doors on a cabinet, add crown molding on the top and leave the shelves open.

4. Need more space on a budget? You can bump out a room 3 feet and you won't have to add additional air conditioning or foundational support systems.

5. Another way to steal extra space is by creating a niche. You need some space on the other side of the wall, but you can add a pantry or put a piece of furniture

on the landing of a stairway that otherwise lacked the room.

6. If you want larger tile, the 28-inch looks great and is close to the price of standard sizes. Expect to pay an extra charge of about 10 percent. The special order may take a few months, so be patient.

Kitchen remodeling

We can always count on Consumers Union to help us with our buying decisions, and the August issue of Consumer Reports is a must for anyone remodeling a kitchen.

The "Dream Kitchens for Less" report gives advice on flooring, countertops, where to buy and how to save on appliances and how not to get burned on financing. Or check out www.consumerreports.org. It costs \$4.95 a month for Web access to ratings.

Here are the five worst design goofs from the magazine's experts:

1. **Upsizing the island.** Your island shouldn't be any deeper than 48 inches, which can be more difficult to use and keep clean. If more than one person will

be working in the kitchen, at least 42 inches between islands and surrounding cabinets.

2. **Not maximizing storage.** Where you put the cabinets is as important as how much. Take advantage of the tional tricks. This means swing-out cookware, lazy Susans to cabinet stalling high-backed shelves in deep pantries, fitting drawers with full-glides and built-in dividers.

3. **Blowing off ventilation.** Don't skimp. Options vented over-the-range or quality range hood heat and odors.

4. **Not lighting the island.** Under-cabinet lighting to provide sufficient working at the counter.

5. **Leaving the garbage out.** Visible garbage does not make a good kitchen design. tional cabinet space (like the sink or dishwasher garbage receptacle.



NICHOLAS R. VON STADEN/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL/ACT NEW YORK DECORATOR, AUTHOR and product designer Lyn Peterson poses for portrait at Robb & Stucky's at Mizner Park, in Boca Raton, Fla.

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